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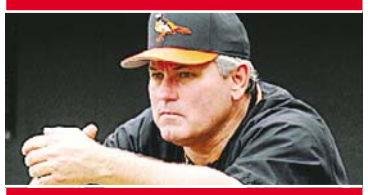

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ENCHANTÉ: First lady Laura Bush is greeted by French President Jacques Chirac on Monday in Paris. After a short visit with Chirac, Bush ushered the United States back into UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, after a 19-year absence.

Rove Role In Leak Disputed

Investigation urged over exposure of CIA operative

WASHINGTON | The White House denied on Monday that President Bush's top political adviser leaked a CIA agent's identity to retaliate against an opponent of the administration's Iraq policy.

Prodded by Democrats, the Justice Department said it was looking into whether a full investigation was warranted — a step rarely taken.

The revealing of the intelligence officer's identity by syndicated columnist Robert Novak came shortly after the officer's husband, former ambassador Joseph C. Wilson, undermined Bush's claim that Iraq had tried to buy uranium in Africa.

Rove

Wilson has publicly blamed Karl Rove, Bush's top political adviser, for the leak, although Wilson did say Monday he did not know whether Rove personally was the source of Novak's information, only that he thought Rove had "condoned it."

"He wasn't involved," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said of Rove. "The president knows he wasn't involved. ... It's simply not true."

Four Senate Democrats, including Minority Leader Tom Daschle, urged Attorney General John Ashcroft to appoint a special counsel, a person of "unquestioned independence and impartiality." TERENCE HUNT (AP)

FCC Joins Telemarketing Fight

WASHINGTON | The bewildering fight between the government and telemarketers over the national do-not-call list took another turn Monday when a second federal agency said it would enforce the program and President Bush signed legislation backing the list.

The Federal Communications Commission said it would seek fines of up to $120,000 against telemarketers each time they call people on the registry. The FCC got involved because the Federal Trade Commission, which is compiling the list and planned to enforce it, has been blocked by a federal judge.

The list of more than 50 million telephone numbers registered by people who don't want to hear from telemarketers is scheduled to go into effect Wednesday. DAVID HO (AP)

Calls on Hold: Some telemarketers plan to abide by the do-not-call list anyway | Page 3

Catch the Sequel: It's time for *Sandman*, part deux; revenge of the *Who*; beneath the planet of the *Raveonettes*; and *"Cats"* strikes back. Also, Decorators' Show House and the chamber of secrets, and *Archimedes* reloaded. ENTERTAINMENT | 11-12

EyeOpeners

GOVERNMENT

World's Tiniest Terrorists

As if the State Department didn't have enough to worry about with Iraq, Iran and the French: The onset of cooler weather in the capital has prompted a mouse alarm. The department issued a warning Monday in its main building, saying that "increasing numbers of mice and their larger cousins" were set to launch their annual search for warm lodging and food. (AP)

STEPHAN MOITESSIER/AP

MISSING

Snagged Spud

He's 6 feet tall, shaped like a potato, and now he's disappeared. Police in Newport, R.I., are on the hunt for a 150-pound statue of children's favorite Mr. Potato Head, which vanished from the driveway of a private estate on Friday. Resident James Leach had bought the sculpted spud from the government, which once used the toy figure to promote Rhode Island as a tourist destination. Police estimate its value at $600. (AP)

YOUTH

Brand Names

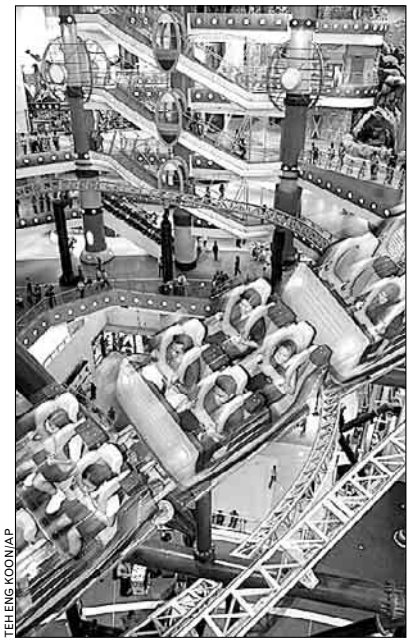
Not content with just wearing designer clothes, Americans have begun a trend toward brand-name kids. According to a report in The Sunday Times of London, 49 children were named Canon in 2000, followed by 11 Bentleys, five Jaguars and a Xerox. One mother told the paper her 3-year-old was named Timberland after his father's love for the shoes. "I wanted Kevin," she said. The couple is now divorced. (EXPRESS)

CRIME

By the Book

Before the final stop on his crime spree, officials say 31-year-old Buchon Buchanan studied up on new techniques by reading "The Big Bad Book of American Bank Robbery." The FBI believes Buchanan may have been behind at least 30 robberies in Los Angeles, San Francisco and several other California cities, the San Francisco Chronicle reported. Published last year, the book teaches robbery techniques and delves into the history of bank heists. (EXPRESS)

BY THE NUMBERS: Nevada resident Rich LeFevre won a pair of plane tickets and $500 for eating 12 corn dogs in 10 minutes at the Texas State Fair on Sunday, beating 14 fellow competitors.



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COMMERCE

Shop, Drop

Don't worry if you hear screams inside Malaysia's newest mall — it's probably just riders on the roller coaster. The ride is just part of the sprawling 7.5 million square-foot Berjaya Times Square shopping center, which opened in downtown Kuala Lumpur on Monday. The mall took a decade and $460 million to build, but Malaysian officials hope its 900-store capacity will attract some 3 million visitors a month. (AP)

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In Brief

NEW ORLEANS

La. Lowers Drunken Driving Blood-Alcohol Level

The state where revelers get blitzed for Mardi Gras and daiquiris are dispensed at drive-thru windows held out about as a long as it could before lowering its drunken-driving threshold. As of midnight Monday, the legal limit for a motorist's blood-alcohol content was set to drop from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent — a change approved reluctantly by Louisiana lawmakers who did not want to lose about $6 million a year in federal highway construction money. (AP)

ROANOKE, VA

Woman Who Blamed Killing On Paxil Convicted of Murder

A woman who claimed the prescription antidepressant Paxil made her homicidal was convicted Monday of brutally stomping her 82-year-old mother to death in a bathroom scuffle in the middle of the night last year. Cindy Gail Countess, 49, was escorted from Circuit Court by sheriff's deputies, sobbing as Judge Clifford R. Weckstein ruled there was enough evidence to convict her of second-degree murder. Sentencing was set for Nov. 24. Countess faces up to 40 years in prison. (AP)

STEPHANIE KLEIN-DAVIS/AP

Cindy Countess reacts Monday after she is convicted in her mother's death.

MINNEAPOLIS

One Killed, One Wounded in Shooting at County Building

A woman involved in a property dispute opened fire Monday at a county government building, killing the woman she had quarreled with and wounding an attorney, authorities said. Sheriff Pat McGowan said investigators believed the shooting was motivated by a property dispute between the two women. It was not known if the injured attorney was representing either woman. McGowan said the gun was recovered, but he did not describe it. (AP)

FIRE FIGHT | LOSING BATTLE

DALE SPARKS/AP

MANGLED MAIN STREET: Firefighter Bryce Bunner, right, sprays the inside of the burned-out Fairview Floral building in Fairview, W.Va., on Monday. The fire damaged most of the businesses along the northern West Virginia town's main street, including a barber shop and the public library.

Many Telemarketers Pledge to Honor List

WASHINGTON | Many of the largest U.S. telemarketing companies say they will comply with the national do-not-call list even though a legal quagmire has put the program on hold.

The fight in the courts means telemarketers can keep dialing despite President George W. Bush's decision to sign legislation passed by Congress last week to affirm the Federal Trade Commission's authority to establish the no-call list, which has swelled to more than 50 million home and cellular numbers.

The best hope for an immediate decline in telephone sales pitches may rest with the telemarketers. The Direct Marketing Association, representing more than 70 percent of the telemarketing industry, asked its members last week to abide by the list.

Nearly 200 of the largest members have voiced no objection to the request and some have actively pledged to comply, spokesman Louis Mastria said Monday.

"The industry seems to understand what we've said for almost 20 years: People don't want to get called, they shouldn't get called," Mastria said. DEB REICHMANN (AP)

Don't Call Us...: Details on the legal battle over the new do-not-call law and how some telemarketing groups are responding. | www.technews.com

Millions More Lack Insurance

Number of uninsured Americans went up 2.4 million in 2002

WASHINGTON | The ranks of the uninsured swelled by 2.4 million last year as insurance costs kept rising and more Americans lost their jobs and health care coverage.

The number of people without health insurance the entire year rose to 43.6 million, a jump of almost 6 percent from 2001 and the second consecutive annual increase, the Census Bureau said in a report being released Tuesday. The percentage of Americans without health coverage rose from 14.6 to 15.2.

The bureau reported a survey last week that found more people fell into poverty and median income declined in 2002, even though the recession officially ended in November 2001.

Reflecting the broad scope of the recession, significant increases in uninsured rates occurred among whites, blacks, people 18-to-64, and middle- and higher-income earners. Rates increased in all regions of the country except the West.

According to Census Bureau analyst Robert Mills, loss of coverage stemming from layoffs and scaled-back benefits was primarily to blame.

In 2002, 61.3 percent of U.S. residents were covered under an employment-based policy, down from 62.6 percent in 2001.

GENARO C. ARMAS (AP)

WITHOUT A NET

According to the Census Bureau, the following states had the greatest percentage of residents without health insurance in 2002:

1 **Texas:** 24.7 percent
2 **New Mexico:** 20.9 percent
3 **California:** 18.8 percent (tie)
3 **Louisiana:** 18.8 percent (tie)
5 **Nevada:** 17.9 percent
6 **Oklahoma:** 17.8 percent
7 **Arizona:** 17.4 percent (tie)
7 **Florida:** 17.4 percent (tie)
9 **Alaska:** 17.3 percent
10 **Idaho:** 16.9 percent
11 **Wyoming:** 16.8 percent
12 **Mississippi:** 16.5 percent

N.H. Court Rules Garbage is Private

CONCORD, N.H. | The New Hampshire Supreme Court ruled Monday that garbage is private, even when it has been put out near the street for collection.

The 4-1 decision runs counter to rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court and high courts in most other states. But the court said New Hampshire's constitution provides a stronger expectation of privacy than the U.S. Constitution.

The decision came in a case in which police searched a man's trash and found wire scrapers coated with marijuana residue.

Based on that and the observation that resident John Goss appeared to have a light for growing plants, police got a warrant to search his home, where they seized marijuana and three pipes. Goss appealed, saying it was illegal for police to search his garbage without a warrant. (AP)

HEARSAY | HIATUS

"Needless to say, until further notice, he is not going to be on exhibit."

—JOHN LINEHAN
ZOO NEW ENGLAND CEO, ON THE ESCAPE OF LITTLE JOE, A 300-POUND GORILLA THAT BOLTED FROM FRANKLIN PARK ZOO IN BOSTON ON SUNDAY.

U.S. Alleges Activist Had Ties to Libya

WASHINGTON | A Muslim activist whose Virginia home was searched as part of a federal investigation of terrorist financing has been arrested on charges of having illegal dealings with Libya.

A criminal complaint unsealed Monday alleges Abdul Rahman al-Amoudi violated U.S. law by accepting, either personally or through the American Muslim Foundation he heads, $10,700 from the Libyan mission to the United Nations and by failing to disclose trips to Libya.

Such actions are illegal under U.S. economic sanctions imposed in 1986 following terrorist bombings tied to Libya in Vienna and Rome.

Al-Amoudi, a naturalized U.S. citizen originally from Ethiopia, made an initial court appearance in Alexandria, Va., but neither he nor his attorney would comment on the charges. He was arrested Sunday at Dulles International Airport after a flight from London, officials said.

Al-Amoudi, 51, has contended that he was constantly looking for money for the Islamic advocacy group he heads and sought out Libya because it has renounced terrorism. (AP)

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N.J. Targets Drowsy Drivers

Law makes driving while sleepy a crime in deadly accidents

BORDENTOWN, N.J. | As if staying alive were not enough of an incentive, motorists in New Jersey have another reason to make sure they are well-rested when they get behind the wheel — a first-in-the-nation law against driving while drowsy.

Under Maggie's Law, police will not be pulling over drivers whose eyelids look heavy. But the law allows prosecutors to charge a motorist with vehicular homicide, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a $100,000 fine, in the event of a deadly crash if there is evidence the accident was caused by sleepiness.

No driver has yet been charged under the law, which went into effect last month and was named for a 20-year-old college student killed in 1997 by a van driver who admitted having been up for 30 hours.

Recent studies estimate 51 percent of motorists feel drowsy behind the wheel, and about two of every 10 drivers say they have fallen asleep while driving in the past year.

New Jersey is the first state to specifically list going without sleep as a crime, according to Darrel Drobnich, a legislative analyst for the foundation.

Similar bills are pending in New York and have been discussed by lawmakers in Washington state.

JOHN P. MCALPIN (AP)

Calif. Recall Plays Big on Television

Unique contest is a favorite among media and viewers alike

LOS ANGELES | The California recall — a combination of star vehicle, peep show and political game of chicken — has gotten unprecedented national TV coverage for a statewide election, receiving more airtime on the Big Three networks than the White House race.

From Aug. 1 through Sept. 25, the nightly newscasts on NBC, ABC and CBS devoted a total of 127 minutes to the recall, said Andrew Tyndall, who monitors TV news for his Tyndall Report newsletter. In that same period, the Democratic presidential contenders received a total of 36 minutes.

NICK UT/AP

Broadcasters have dedicated a record amount of TV airtime to the race to oust California Gov. Gray Davis, who campaigned with New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson at Los Angeles's downtown Grand Central Market on Monday.

That represents unprecedented national airtime for a statewide election, Tyndall said. In 2002, the networks gave all gubernatorial races nationwide a combined 40 minutes of attention for the year.

Viewers have been lapping up the increased coverage. In a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll conducted Sept. 19-21, respondents were asked if they were paying more attention to the 2004 presidential election or to the recall. The recall was cited by 44 percent, the national election by 37 percent, said CNN political analyst Bill Schneider. LYNN ELBER (AP)

Recall madness: The Washington Post's David Broder takes your questions at 11 a.m. today at washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Law Bans Suicide on Concert Stage

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. | The St. Petersburg City Council passed a law Monday designed to scuttle a rock group's plans to feature an onstage suicide.

The hard-rock band Hell on Earth had said that a suicide by a terminally ill person would take place during a concert Saturday to raise awareness of right-to-die issues.

In response, the city council met Monday morning to unanimously approve an emergency ordinance making it illegal to conduct a suicide for commercial or entertainment purposes, and to host, promote and sell tickets for such an event.

Tampa-based Hell on Earth, known for such outrageous onstage stunts as chocolate syrup wrestling and grinding up live rats in a blender, created the furor by announcing the suicide would happen Saturday at the Palace Theater in downtown St. Petersburg.

But the theater's owner, David Hundley, promptly canceled the band's show, and another venue also turned away the event.

Band leader Billy Tourtelot has vowed that the concert and suicide will still take place at an undisclosed location in the city, broadcast live on the band's Web site.

A Florida law already makes assisting in a suicide manslaughter, a second-degree felony.

Hell on Earth is playing clubs in support of its album "All Things Disturbingly Sassy." (AP)

World

In Brief

COLOMBIA

Rebel Group Claims to Hold Foreign Backpackers

The second-largest rebel group in Colombia said Monday it was holding seven foreign backpackers kidnapped this month from an archaeological site in the mountains. It was the first claim of responsibility for the abduction. The National Liberation Army, known as the ELN, has been battling the Colombian government for four decades. (AP)

FRANCE

All-News Network to Launch by End of 2004

France will launch its long-awaited international all-news network by 2005, the prime minister said Monday, calling the need for a "French vision" in news broadcasts more timely than ever. Jean-Pierre Raffarin said the new channel will be run jointly by state broadcaster France Televisions and privately owned media company TF1. (AP)

VIETNAM

Country Refuses to Recognize New Cardinal

Vietnam on Monday refused to recognize Pope John Paul II's appointment of a new cardinal for Ho Chi Minh City, renewing tension between the Vatican and the communist country, which tightly controls religion. Archbishop Jean-Baptiste Pham Minh Man was chosen Sunday as one of 31 cardinals. There are more than 5 million Roman Catholics in the country — the second-largest religion after Buddhism — and only three cardinals have been recognized since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. (AP)

KASHMIR

15 Muslim Guerrillas Killed In Latest Gun Battle

In a fierce gun battle Sunday night, Indian soldiers killed 15 Muslim guerrillas as they sought to cross into Indian-held Kashmir, officials said. The clash was the latest in a series of violent clashes between India and Pakistan, which both claim the Himalayan territory. (AP)

Kashmiri effect: A series of violent incidents has cast a pall on recent peace overtures between India and Pakistan. Today's Post: Section A

Troops Caught in 8-Hour Firefight

U.S. forces battle insurgents after ambushes

KHALDIYAH, IRAQ | Iraqi insurgents ambushed U.S. convoys with roadside bombs and rocket-propelled grenades Monday, triggering an eight-hour battle in which the American military sent in fighter jets, bombers, helicopters and tanks. One U.S. soldier was killed and three others were wounded.

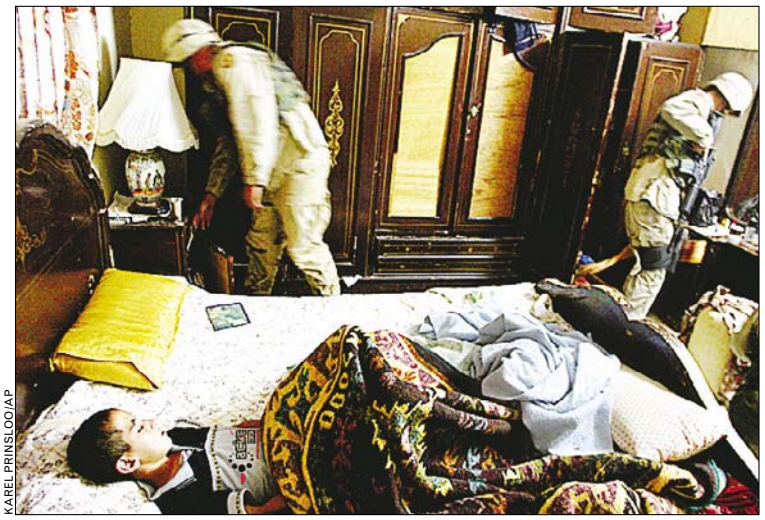
In northern Iraq, meanwhile, U.S. soldiers launched two dozen raids, arresting 92 people and seizing weapons and ammunition. One of the raids involved the largest joint operation between U.S. forces and American-trained Iraqi police, with some 200 Iraqis taking part.

The two ambushes hit U.S. military convoys in the Sunni Muslim towns of Habaniyah and Khaldiyah, 6 miles apart along the Euphrates River and about 50 miles west of the Baghdad. The attackers apparently hid in trees and shrubs lining the dirt road where the roadside bombs left four big craters.

As the firefight raged in Khaldiyah, it seemed as though the Americans were pinned down, with the insurgents opening fire each time the U.S. patrol tried to withdraw. Eventually U.S. commanders called in jet fighters, A-10 Thunderbolt attack aircraft, helicopters and tanks.

Meanwhile, American troops launched raids in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, about 120 miles north of Baghdad. The operations, which ended Monday morning, were designed to "break the back of the Fedayeen," said U.S. Army Lt. Col. David Poirier. Of the 92 arrested, four were taken into custody in the joint U.S.-Iraqi raid.

Raids have intensified after Iraqi resistance fighters shot and killed three Americans in an ambush two weeks ago just outside Tikrit. TAREK AL-ISSAWI (AP)



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As a boy sleeps, U.S. soldiers search a house during an early morning raid in Tikrit.

Constitutional crisis? Iraqis involved in drafting the country's new constitution say that completing it in six months will be impossible. Today's Post: Section A

Iran Admits To Uranium Discovery

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | Iran acknowledged Monday that additional traces of weapons-grade uranium have been found on its soil but argued they came from abroad — a claim U.N. and other experts said cannot be discounted.

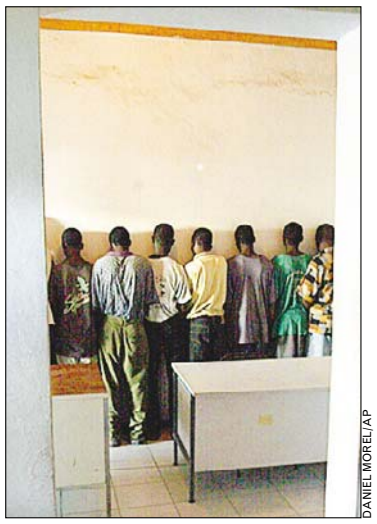
Iran has refused to say where it bought the equipment, but diplomats have said that Pakistan was the most likely country of origin.

The United States and its allies accuse Tehran of running a secret nuclear weapons program.

Iran is facing an Oct. 31 deadline set by the International Atomic Energy Agency to bare its nuclear secrets. If the IAEA board rules at its Nov. 20 meeting that Tehran has violated the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty banning the spread of nuclear arms, the Security Council could impose diplomatic or economic sanctions.

The IAEA is sending a team to Iran for negotiations Thursday ahead of what the agency hopes will be a new round of inspections starting Friday. GEORGE JAHN (AP)

Rioters in Haiti Target Police Chief



DANIEL MOREL/AP

Prisoners line up Monday at police headquarters in Gonaives, Haiti, after being arrested during the riots.

Followers of murdered gang leader accuse police, government

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI | Protesters burned down a police chief's house on Monday during an ongoing protest over the killing of a gang leader loyal to President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Supporters of Amiot Metayer, leader of the so-called "Cannibal Army" in the north-coast town of Gonaives, have clashed with police since his bullet-riddled body was found a week ago.

Protesters accuse Gonaives Police Chief Harold Adeclat of being complicit in Metayer's killing. On Monday, a group set his family's home alight and torched a shop owned by his family.

Many residents stayed indoors Monday, fearing more violence in the town about 70 miles northwest of Port-au-Prince.

Metayer's followers accuse the government of having a hand in the killing, saying he had potentially damaging information against Aristide. The government has strongly denied any involvement.

The about-face in the attitudes of Metayer's supporters signals a growing rift between the president and street activists who have been a key source of Aristide's support. MICHAEL NORTON (AP)

Setback for Irish Pub-Goers Under 18

DUBLIN, IRELAND | A law effective Monday gives publicans the power to bar all people under 18 — the legal age for drinking alcohol — from Ireland's pubs after 9 p.m.

The reforms promoted also require pub customers aged 18 to 20 to carry photographic identification for the first time, otherwise they too may be barred from pubs after 9 p.m.

Until now, no laws have restricted the right of children and teenagers to enter pubs, which remain the social hub of many Irish towns and villages. While youths often enter pubs with their families in the afternoon to eat meals, at night youths also blend into the crowd to drink illegally. (AP)

HEARSAY | AFTER 9/11

"These two years ... have plunged the United Nations into the most serious crisis it has had to face in its history."

—KOICHIRO MATSUURA, UNESCO DIRECTOR SPEAKING MONDAY AT THE OPENING OF UNESCO'S GENERAL CONFERENCE

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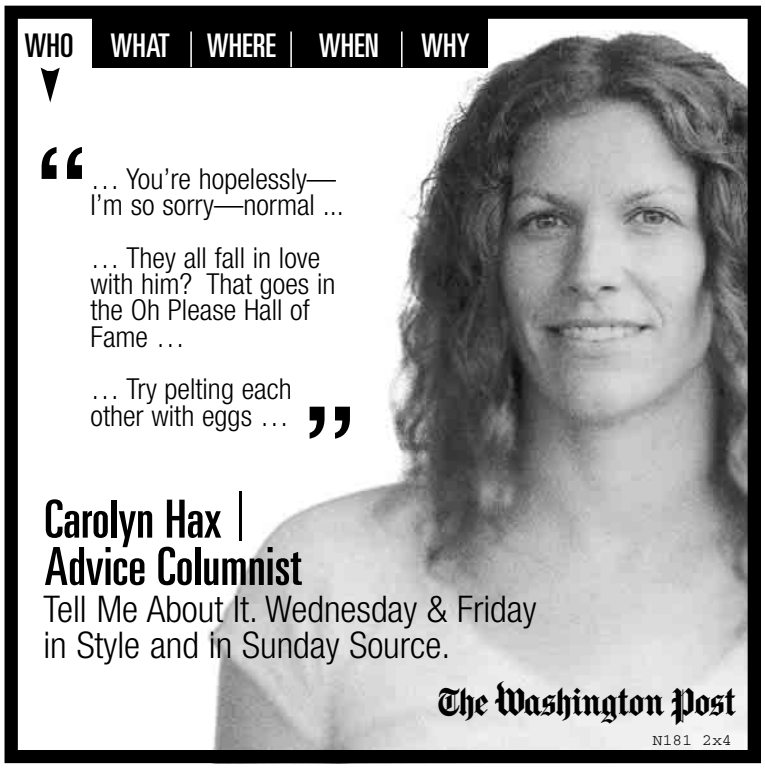

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World

Lamenting the Uprising

Former security chief says Palestinians were better off before

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | The ousted Palestinian security chief said Monday that his people were better off before they launched their armed uprising.

In an AP interview in his Gaza City office, Mohammed Dahlan said the Palestinians' first uprising, from 1987-1993, in which demonstrators faced soldiers with rocks and bottles, was much more effective than the current revolt; it "brought us back to our homeland," said Dahlan, who along with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat returned from exile in the mid-1990s.

Before the current uprising, Dahlan said in the interview, "we were in a better position than we are now, politically and internationally."

In Gaza City, meanwhile, about 3,000 supporters of the Islamic militant group Hamas, which has carried out scores of suicide bombings, rallied Monday. A Hamas leader, Ismail Haniyeh, said the group is ready to halt attacks "if the Zionist occupation stops killing civilians." IBRAHIM BARZAK (AP)

THE SEEDS OF DISCONTENT

➜ **The Palestinian uprising** broke out after Israeli opposition leader Ariel Sharon visited the contested Jerusalem holy site known to Muslims as Haram as-Sharif and to Jews as the Temple Mount on Sept. 28, 2000. Deadly clashes broke out the next day. With violence raging, the sides could not reach a peace deal, and Sharon won elections and removed from the table the offers that Prime Minister Ehud Barak had offered to the Palestinians.

Reflections from the front line: Further background on the intifada and why Dahlan feels his people were in a better position three years ago. Today's Post: Section A

U.S. Troops Pulling Out Of Liberia

WASHINGTON | The United States has started to withdraw the military force sent for a brief peacekeeping deployment in Liberia, defense officials said Monday.

Two of three ships in a U.S. amphibious assault group left waters off Liberia's shore over the weekend. The third is expected to pull out midweek as the United Nations takes over the peacekeeping mission manned by West Africans, the officials said.

African leaders and others asked the United States in early summer to send troops to lead a peacekeeping force in the country ravaged by years of conflict. U.S. officials stressed as they debated the mission in June and July that they wanted only minimal involvement. As troops deployed in August, President Bush said they would leave by Oct. 1.

A new administration is to be installed in Liberia on Oct. 14. Elections are supposed to be held in 2005. PAULINE JELINEK (AP)

WHO KNEW? The only Nobel Peace Prize to be awarded posthumously, in 1961, went to U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammerskjold after he died in a plane crash in Africa. (AP)

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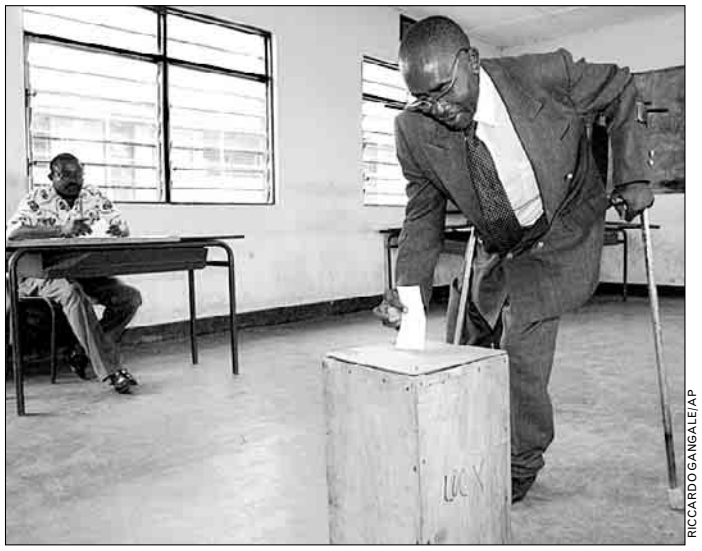

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BALLOTS OVER AFRICA: A voter casts his ballot in Kigali, Rwanda, on Monday. Representatives of disabled people and young people cast ballots on the first of three days of voting in the country's first legislative elections since the 1994 genocide, in which more than 500,000 people were killed.

Putin Casts Doubt On Kyoto Protocol

MOSCOW | President Vladimir Putin on Monday cast a cloud of doubt over the fate of the Kyoto Protocol, which needs Russian ratification to take effect.

Speaking on the first day of the U.N. World Climate Change Conference in the Russian capital, Putin offered no clue as to when his government might make up its mind on the landmark pact to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The 1997 protocol must be ratified by no fewer than 55 countries, accounting for at least 55 percent of global emissions in 1990. After the United States rejected the treaty, the minimum could be reached only with Russia's ratification.

The protocol calls for countries to reduce their levels of greenhouse-gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2012. (AP)

Impact: What's next now that Putin has refused to commit to Kyoto's ratification. Today's Post: Section A

Region

Last of the Sniper Trials Could Be Years Away

WASHINGTON | Nearly a year after six people were shot and killed in less than 28 hours in the District of Columbia and Maryland, those cases against the two men believed responsible remain in legal limbo.

"With any case that goes over jurisdictions, we all have to stand in line. They can't be all tried at one time," said Roscoe Howard, U.S. attorney for Washington.

John Allen Muhammad, 42, and Lee Boyd Malvo, 18, face separate trials in sniper cases that occurred later last October in Virginia. They are suspected or charged in 20 shootings, including 13 deaths, that occurred in the District, Virginia, Maryland, Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana.

Howard

Experts compare the sniper cases with those of Oklahoma City bombing suspects Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols. Both were convicted on federal charges and McVeigh was executed in June 2001. Although Nichols is serving a life sentence with no possibility of parole, he faces trial March 1 on 161 first-degree murder charges in McAlester, Okla.

"This is eight years after the event," said Paul Butler, a George Washington University law school professor. "It won't surprise me that we're going to have some similar justice deferred issues in the sniper case." DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

A look back: Timothy Dwyer previews the Post's book on the sniper shootings | washingtonpost.com/metro

Amtrak Strike Looms

Walkout could shut down VRE, MARC

WASHINGTON | A threatened strike by Amtrak workers would likely cause major problems on the Washington area's two commuter railroads, officials warned Monday.

The Transport Workers Union of America — which represents 40 percent of Amtrak's work force — vowed 8,000 Amtrak employees will strike Friday to protest what they say is underfunding of the rails.

Dale Zehner, chief operating officer of Virginia Railway Express warned that if the Amtrak employees strike, VRE would shut down.

The impact on MARC would "depend on which Amtrak employees went out" according to MARC spokesman Richard Scher.

"If just track gangs who maintain the tracks, if they went out on strike, MARC operations would probably not be affected. If train engineers went on strike, it's a different story," Scher said. MICHAEL W. KAHN (AP)

Va. Tech Student Dies After Fall

BLACKSBURG, VA. | A Virginia Tech student died and five other people were injured when they fell from a third-story window during an off-campus party Sunday night.

Daniel Martin, 19, died at Montgomery Regional Hospital. A second Virginia Tech student, 18-year-old Thomas David Upton, also was injured, along with the remaining four people.

The party included at least 50 people listening to live bands, according to Blacksburg police. Police said some partygoers were slamdancing and collided with members of the crowd, forcing others through a window that broke. They fell about 20 feet to a concrete patio below. (AP)

MATT GENTRY/THE ROANOKE TIMES/AP

The window where Daniel Martin fell has been boarded up at Virginia Tech.

HEARSAY | ISABEL

"It's a miracle we only had 28 fatalities. ... It could very easily have been 10 times that."

—VA. GOV. MARK R. WARNER (D) PRAISING THE STATE'S RESPONSE TO HURRICANE ISABEL

In Brief

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Police Have 'Good Idea' How 4-Year-Old Got Hold of Gun

Prince George's County Police have a "good idea" how a 4-year-old boy got hold of a gun he used to shoot and kill his sister and wound his brother over the weekend, but no charges had been filed in the case as of Monday.

Police turned evidence over to the county state's attorney office, which will decide whether to prosecute the case, according to police spokeswoman Cpl. Diane Richardson. (AP)

ALEXANDRIA

Va. Jihad Members Plead Innocent to Revised Charges

Seven defendants charged with participating in a "Virginia jihad network" in which some members allegedly trained to join the Taliban and al Qaeda pleaded innocent Monday to a revised indictment. The new indictment accuses two defendants of conspiracy to levy war against the United States and conspiracy to provide material support to al Qaeda and the Taliban.

Four others face a general conspiracy charge and other firearms charges alleging that they trained in support of a group called Lashkar-e-Taiba. A seventh defendant is charged with firearms violations and supplying services to the Taliban. (AP)

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Money

NYSE to Seek Reform Before Shuffling Board

WASHINGTON | John S. Reed, temporarily leading the embattled New York Stock Exchange, insisted on his first day on the job Monday that the exchange should be reformed before the makeup of its board is changed.

Reed, who was meeting with Securities and Exchange Commission chairman William Donaldson, denied a news report that he was expected to seek the removal of Wall Street chief executives from the board to reduce potential conflicts of interest.

Among the key issues for the NYSE is whether its self-regulatory and enforcement function should be split off from its exchange business. About half of the board's seats are assigned to executives of large investment banks, floor trading firms and brokerage houses — the very businesses the NYSE is charged with regulating. MARCY GORDON (AP)

Reed

RIAA Settles 52 File-Sharing Lawsuits

WASHINGTON | The Recording Industry Association of America on Monday announced settlements with 52 of the 261 Internet users it sued over allegations they illegally permitted others to download music from their computers using popular file-sharing software.

Defense lawyers familiar with some cases said payments ranged from $2,500 to $7,500 each, with at least one settlement for as much as $10,000. The RIAA plans to file hundreds more lawsuits in October. TED BRIDIS (AP)

MEALS ON WHEELS

The top 10 overall places to grab 'n' go, according to trade magazine QSR's "Best Drive-Thru In America" rankings:

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2. Taco Bell
3. Wendy's
4. Burger King
5. El Pollo Loco
6. Jack In The Box Inc.
7. Taco John's
8. Arby's
9. KFC
10. Checkers Drive-In Restaurants Inc.

After Wave of Scandals, Trials Begin

NEW YORK | Former Tyco CEO Dennis Kozlowski and onetime Wall Street investment banker Frank Quattrone on Monday became the first two people to go on trial in the wave of recent scandals that have shaken faith in corporate America.

Kozlowski is accused of looting $600 million from Tyco. He has pleaded innocent to grand larceny charges. Quattrone, an influential investment banker at Credit Suisse First Boston during the 1990s, has pleaded innocent to charges of obstruction and witness-tampering. ERIN MCCLAM (AP)

MICHAEL APPLETON/AP
Former Tyco CEO Dennis Kozlowski arrives at court in New York on Monday.

Broken trust: For an interactive primer on recent corporate scandals, the players involved and how it all happened, see washingtonpost.com/business.

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NamTai s	29.31	+4.80	+19.6
CablDsgn	8.41	+1.01	+13.6
Natl RV	8.64	+.94	+12.2
Unifi	4.90	+.52	+11.9
CollAik	3.41	+.35	+11.4

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Kngswy g	9.62	-1.28	-11.7
DeltaWd	2.70	-.30	-10.0
CorusGr	3.75	-.40	-9.6
NtHlthInv	18.98	-1.67	-8.1
Gundle	16.52	-1.28	-7.2

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Smtek h	2.99	+1.49	+99.3
VistaMed	2.69	+.59	+28.1
PDF Sol	11.65	+2.20	+23.3
AXT Inc	2.53	+.47	+22.8
SonicFdy	2.21	+.39	+21.5

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
EngyConv	10.93	-4.12	-27.4
EpochBio	2.26	-.63	-21.8
TutSys	4.45	-.73	-14.1
ATA Hld	7.15	-1.10	-13.3
SpecPh rs	7.02	-1.00	-12.5

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+67.16	+32.49	+9.73
+0.72	+1.81	+0.98
9380.24	1824.56	1006.58

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.125	1.00
3-month	0.92	0.93
2-year	1.61	1.64
10-year	4.07	4.21
30-year	5.00	5.21

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.6004	.6030	.6409
Canadian Dollar	1.3534	1.3532	1.5770
European Euro	.8629	.8715	1.0209
Japanese Yen	110.91	111.91	122.84
Mexican Peso	10.9695	11.0050	10.1950
Taiwanese Dollar	33.79	33.79	34.92

Biotech Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Amersham	44.03	-.46	-.8
Amgen	65.37	+.22	+35.2
ApplBio	21.90	+.68	+24.9
Biogen	38.68	-.36	-3.4
Chiron	52.36	+.75	+39.3
Genentech	80.00	-.39	+141.3
Genzyme	46.12	+.12	+56.0
GileadSci	56.00	+.58	+64.7
IDEC Ph	33.88	-.37	+2.1
IMS Hlth	21.21	+.51	+32.6
LabCp	28.76	+.36	+23.8
MedImun	32.78	+.78	+20.6
MillPhar	15.26	+.49	+92.2
Monsnto	24.54	+.44	+27.5
QstDiag	60.51	+.41	+6.3

Sports

In Brief

PRO FOOTBALL

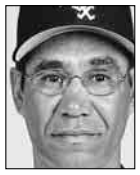
Eagles' Vincent Might Miss Game Against Redskins

Eagles Pro Bowl cornerback Troy Vincent could miss Philadelphia's game against Washington on Sunday because of a strained hamstring. Vincent left the Eagles' 23-13 victory over Buffalo after the team's first defensive series and didn't return. Eagles coach Andy Reid said Monday that Vincent will be re-evaluated in a couple days. Safety Brian Dawkins and cornerback Bobby Taylor have missed the last two games. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

White Sox Fire Manuel

Jerry Manuel was fired Monday as manager of the Chicago White Sox. He was a casualty of unmet expectations after the team missed the playoffs for a third straight year. The talent-laden White Sox led the AL Central by two games on Sept. 9, but slumped and finished four games back. Manuel was 500-471 in six seasons, the fourth-most wins for a White Sox manager. (AP)



Manuel

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

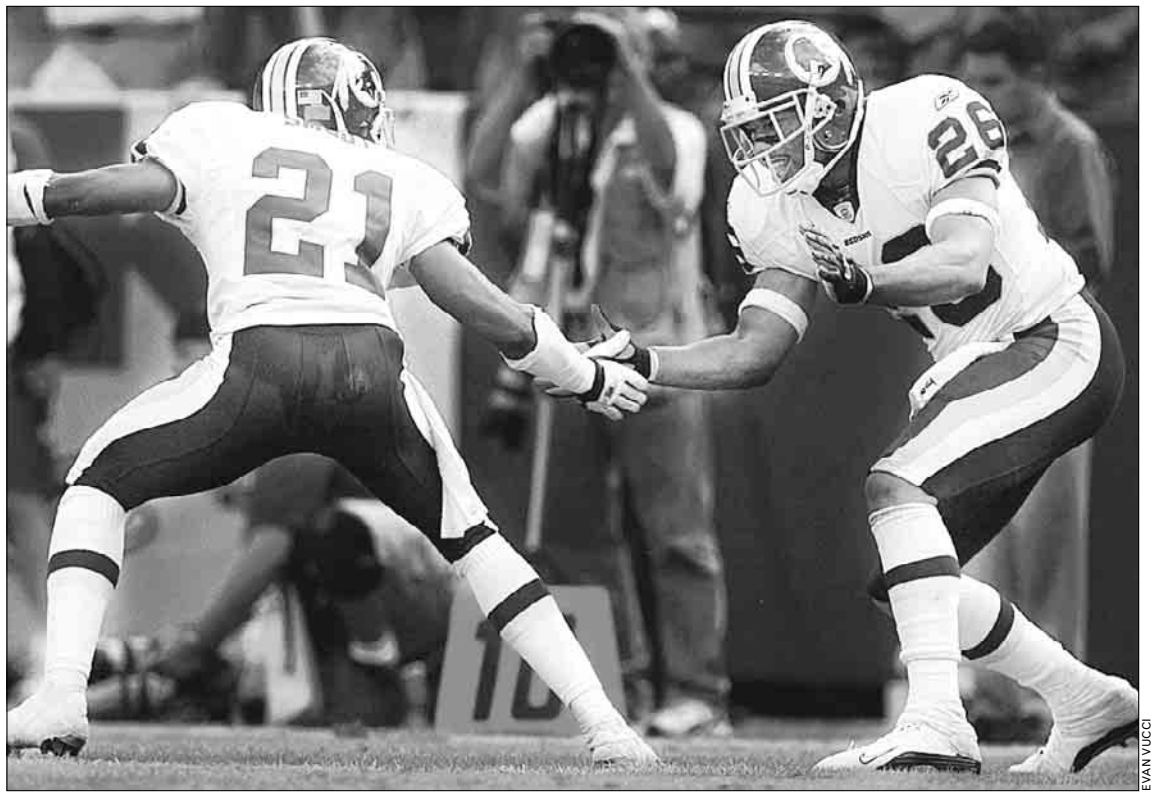
ACC Asks Judge to End Suit On Jurisdictional Grounds

Attorneys for the Atlantic Coast Conference and Miami acknowledged Monday their clients have some business dealings in Connecticut, but say those contacts don't warrant being sued in the state over the ACC's expansion plans. The attorneys asked Judge Samuel J. Sferrazza to dismiss on jurisdictional grounds the lawsuit filed by Connecticut and three other Big East football schools. (AP)

KOBE BRYANT

Judge Delays Arraignment Of Swiss Bodybuilder

A judge delayed arraignment Monday for a Swiss bodybuilder charged with offering to kill Kobe Bryant's accuser. The proceeding was postponed to Oct. 6 after both sides said the defense had not yet received all evidence. Patrick Graber, 31, was charged last week with solicitation of murder and solicitation to dissuade a witness. (AP)



EVAN VUCCI

Fred Smoot (left) and Ifeanyi Ohalete celebrate Sunday after the Redskins secured their third win of the season.

Hot Redskins Are Off and Running

Spurrier has altered his style in second season

PRO FOOTBALL | Steve Spurrier's words would have sounded like heresy during his days at Florida.

"It seems like when we run more and pass less, we win the game," the coach said Monday. The NFL has definitely taken its hold on the Fun 'n' Gun coach, whose Washington Redskins improved to 3-1 after attempting a Spurrier-low 22 passes in Sunday's 20-17 victory over the New England Patriots.

It's not that Spurrier has ever disdained the run, but the ground attack was treated more as a supplement in Florida. Last season, his first in the pros, Spurrier would pass too much one week and rediscover the running game the next.

This year, after four games, there's a balance of 116 runs and 129 passes. And when the Patriots concentrated on shutting down the Redskins' receivers, Spurrier took what the defense gave him.

"His out-of-character play-calling won the game for us," said Patrick Ramsey, who threw only seven passes in the second half.

Sitting on the lead, however, has an unintended consequence of running the ball more: It makes games tighter. All four games have been decided by three points for fewer, and the opponents haven't exactly been full strength. But the Redskins aren't used to being 3-1, so the players have very few complaints.

"I don't care if we've played all Cincinnati Bengals teams, we're 3-1," cornerback Fred Smoot said. "We're winning now. We just want to keep it going that way." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Orioles Make a Change

Manager Hargrove fired a day after the team finishes 71-91

PRO BASEBALL | Mike Hargrove was fired Monday as manager of the Baltimore Orioles, one day after the team finished its fourth consecutive losing season under his direction and sixth straight overall.

Hargrove

Hargrove, 53, went 275-372 with the Orioles, including 71-91 this year. His departure did not come as a complete surprise, given that his contract ran through this season and the team never talked about an extension.

Jim Beattie and Mike Flanagan, the vice presidents who oversee the team's baseball operations, are expected to quickly start the search for a new manager.

"On behalf of the Orioles organization, we want to thank Mike for his contributions to the ballclub and for the professional manner in which he handled the team," Beattie said in a statement. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

New chapter: Dave Sheinin discusses the Orioles' future at 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

Today's TV Lineup

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7:30 p.m. on ESPN2) East Carolina looks for its first win of the year when hosting Conference USA rival Houston, which is 3-1.

BASEBALL (1 p.m. on ESPN) Johan Santana (12-3) leads AL-Central champion Minnesota Twins against Mike Mussina and the New York Yankees, who won the AL East this year.

BASEBALL (4 p.m. on ESPN) Jason Schmidt takes the mound for the San Francisco Giants in game one of their playoff series with the Florida Marlins, who will rely on pitcher Josh Beckett.

BASEBALL (8 p.m. on Fox) Strikeout king Kerry Wood leads the Chicago Cubs into Atlanta to face the NL-East champion Braves and 21-game-winner Russ Ortiz.

SOCCER (2:30 p.m. on ESPN2) Internazionale FC faces FC Dynamo Kiev in Milan, Italy.

WHO KNEW? On Sunday night, Peyton Manning of the Indianapolis Colts became the first quarterback to throw six touchdowns in one game since the Redskins' Mark Rypien did so against Atlanta in 1991.

The Dream Is Alive for Cubs, Red Sox

PRO BASEBALL | Even before Pedro Martinez pitches or Sammy Sosa swings, there's a buzz about the playoffs. Baseball romantics, this could be the year: Red Sox vs. Cubs.

And what a World Series it would be.

"Hey, didn't Bill Buckner play for both teams?" Cubs' third-string catcher Josh Paul said Monday afternoon. "I can see it now. It's Game 7, the game is tied and we go 28 innings. They just stop it and say, 'You're both champs.'"

Boston will be trying to win its first World Series since 1918, when it beat — naturally — the Cubs. Babe Ruth pitched the Red Sox to two victories in the six-game series. The Cubs' last title came in 1906.

Only once in the last 85 years have the Cubs and Boston reached the postseason at the same time. In 1998, Chicago was swept by Atlanta in the first round while the Red Sox lost to Cleveland. BEN WALKER (AP)

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ATTRACTIVE, AFRICAN LADY, 35, 5'5", 125lbs, kind heart, intelligent mind, one child, enjoys hiking. Seeking sincere SPM, 30-45, physically/emotionally stable, N/S, for LTR. Race unimportant. ☎631362

SF, 20, 5'4", 140lbs, black/brown, likes working out, reading, travel, sports, music. Seeking SHM, 21-30, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎641792

SBPF, 31, FAIR-SKINNED, feminine, full-figured, with great sense of humor, varied interests. Seeks SPM, 30-40, for friendship, laughs, intelligent conversation, possible LTR. ☎636668

AFRICAN LADY. SBF, 32, 5'9", looking for SM, 40+, race open, for long-term relationship. No games please. ☎610855

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DYNAMIC SBPF, 36, Afro-Brazilian, loves jazz, concerts, laughter, getting caught in the rain. ISO SBPM, 35+, mature, funny, spontaneous, willing to enjoy the small things. ☎496477

FUN SBF, 18, 5'2", Leo, non smoker, seeks woman, 18-29, race is not important, let's have fun and enjoy life! ☎484641

SOUTHERN GAL, 37 SBF 5'2", down to earth, enjoys concerts, movies, quiet times at home. Seeking SBPM, 35-45, for friendship and possible LTR. ☎486549

SBF, 38, 6', 145lbs, fit, enjoys sports, movies, dining out, travel. Seeks SWPM with similar interests. ☎356120

SBPF, 38, 5'8", 140lbs, well-traveled, intelligent, attractive, friendly, enjoys concerts, dining, sports, romance. Seeking attractive, professional, secure SBM, 36-48, who works hard and plays hard. ☎484588

VERY OUTGOING SBF, 34, 5'3", 145lbs, fit, in search of sincere, kind gentleman, 29-39. I have too many interests to list here; call, we'll talk! ☎469865

LOOKING FOR MY King. SBF, 23, is in search of an upfront man who will treat her right. ☎462396

@WWW - MD1270522 Attractive, goal-oriented SBF, 33, single mother of one, seeking laid-back, fun-loving SBM, 28-38, likes kids, for friendship first/more. ☎365833

SBPF, 35, 5'5", Master's Degree, seeking fun, educated, affectionate SM, 21-55, good sense of humor, likes traveling, keeping fit, sharing humor, companionship first, possibly more. ☎697062

NUBIAN QUEEN, 38, wishes to be romantic with a man who has a great sense of humor and no problem with cuddling. ☎694712

EVE SEEKING HER Adam, SBF, 32, loves life, love, family, seeking sincere, romantic SM, 30-45, is ready to settle down and start a relationship. ☎693749

I'M EVERYWOMAN. COSMOPOLITAN SWPF, 36, curly long brown/blue, ISO financially secure, young-looking SWPM, 40-50, athletic build, who wants to share all life has to offer. ☎610019

SPACEY, SWEET, THIRTY-SOMETHING DWF mom, 5'4", Pisces, seeks nice, intelligent, good-looking and patient brown/dark-haired WM, 30-46, with free time. ☎589176

NUBIAN PRINCESS. SBPCF, 35, 5'7", H/W proportionate, enjoys weekend trips, park walks, movies, outdoors. Seeking SBCM, 5'11"+, for companionship. ☎767234

ATTRACTIVE SBF, 26, one child, shapely, HPTW. ISO SW/HM, 26-32, for fun, going out, companionship. ☎570005

DWPF, 37, SINGLE mom, home owner, enjoys dancing, the beach, film, travel. Seeking honest, very attractive man with common interests and lifestyle. ☎544186

SB MOM, 38, 5'5", would like to meet a man who loves children, bowling, biking, movies and other fun things. ☎520455

SINGLE HUNGARIAN LADY, 40, likes music, movies, biking, long walks. Seeking sincere, romantic man, 55-65, for a long-term relationship. ☎499791

SWPF, CHRISTIAN, 5'8", blue/blond, easy-going, flexible, young-at-heart, loves kids,(mine are grown). Likes fun and excitement. Seeks WPCM, 40+, for companionship, Possible LTR. ☎500473

SBF, 32, PISCES, N/S, with kids, seeks SM, 32-60, who enjoys traveling, shopping, for dating, and LTR. ☎293934

36-YEAR-OLD, AFRICAN-AMERICAN SF, 5'3", 150lbs, dark brown complexion, brown hair, no kids, laid-back, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, outdoor events, seeking gentleman, 35-40, with similar interests. ☎673648

SHF, 31, LEO, N/S, 5'7", black/brown, open-mined, enjoys cooking, watching movies, spending time at home, seeks easygoing, fun, open-minded woman, 30-40. ☎688239

EDUCATED, PROFESSIONAL SAF, 57, seeks nice, intelligent, white gentleman, 57-65, with similar qualities. For LTR. ☎686805

SBF, 35, IS in search of a B/HM, for cuddling, long walks, nights on the town, and more if we make a connection. ☎678150

OUTGOING SBF, PRE-SCHOOL teacher interested in outdoor/nature activities, cultural/current events. ☎667109

ARE YOU READY for love? Smart, classy, intelligent, college-educated, attractive, BBW, 30s, seeks strong, intelligent, honest, affectionate, gentleman with sense of humor. ☎662636

FEMALE SPORTS FAN. SBPF, 37, enjoys working out, travel, cooking. Seeking SBPM, 32-42, N/S, with similar interests. ☎644991

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE SBF, 26, 5'1", enjoys dinners, movies, trying new things. Seeking open, honest, monogamous, ambitious, attractive SB/HM, 25-32, 5'11"-6'4", friends first. ☎524907

SBCF, 32, HONEST, enjoys sports, children, family, travel, movies, quiet evenings. Seeking outgoing SCM, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎511526

DBPF, 33, MOTHER, seeks mature, responsible, attractive, family-oriented, genuine, romantic SBM, 35-42, for possible LTR. ☎440091

SASSY SPF, 37, N/S, enjoys working out, movies, travel, reading. Seeking mature SPM, N/S, N/Drugs, with similar interests, to enjoy life with. ☎439614

EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE, FIT SWPF, 28, personable, laid-back, kind, athletic, fun-loving, seeks very attractive, fit SWPM, 26-35, with similar traits, for LTR. ☎399790

ATTRACTIVE SBF, 33, 5'11", medium build, enjoys music, dancing, movies, travel, sports. Seeking tall SBM, 30-40, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎344223

SBF, 36, SCORPIO, I enjoy movies, outdoor activities. Seeking SBM, 36-48, for friendship first. Call me! ☎316044

@WWW - YBNVUS Pleasantly plump SBF, 35, is looking for stimulating conversations and more with a BM, 35-45. ☎302264

SINGLE INDIAN CF, 30, would like to meet a person who is kind, understanding, sincere, truthful, faithful, and loving, between ages of 29-40. No games. ☎644865

PROWLING CARIBBEAN WOMAN. SBF, 32, enjoys dancing, movies, play wrestling, holding hands and cuddling. Seeking loving, independent, honest, romantic, non-smoking SM, 32-40. ☎646068

BLACK BEAUTY, 31, 5'8", professional, retired model, well-read, well-traveled, outspoken, classy, intelligent, French-speaking exotic lady ISO tall, intelligent, secure WM, 35-55. Call now. ☎648661

24-YEAR-OLD SBF, 5'6", 120lbs, medium complexion and a great personality. Looking for a S/DM 26-55. I travel often but would like someone I could in enjoy my free time with. ☎650047

EDUCATED, WORKING, 22-32, tall, 6'2"+, dark SM sought, must enjoy dancing, good communication. ☎653471

FRIENDS FIRST WITH long-term prospects. SBPF, 33, smart, sweet, attractive, seeks SBPM, 30-45, intelligent, honest, witty, and spiritual. ☎638484

SWCF, 35, ENJOYS conversation, sight seeing, hiking sports. Seeking SWCM, 31-45, for dating, possible LTR. ☎628043

CUTEY PIE. SBF, 26, 5'11", with a caramel complexion and light eyes, wants to meet a man who appreciates a shapely woman. ☎617959

EXOTIC, ATTRACTIVE SF, N/S, seeks attractive, successful, down-to-earth, romantic SM, 34+, with a sense of humor, who desires true love and LTR. ☎770486

SBF, BROWN/BROWN, 5', enjoys movies, walking on the beach. Seeking military SBM, 25-35. For casual dating. ☎542926

SF, 30, ENJOYS hiking, traveling, adventures, nature, camping, enjoying the sun, swimming, the woods. Seeking kind, nature-loving SM, 28-40, possible-vegetarian, friends first, possibly more. ☎530477

PLUS-SIZED SWF, 32, loves to cook, go to movies, read, spend quiet evenings by the fire. Seeking SM, 30-42, for the same. ☎477450

LOVING, COUNTRY, SWF, 39, seeking caring, loving, enjoys movies, crafts, the outdoors. Seeking a compatible SWM, 40-48, for dating/possible relationship. ☎460905

ATTRACTIVE, FULL FIGURED SBF, 28, Leo, non smoker, who enjoys sports, outdoor activities and dancing. Seeking HM, 25-35, with similar interests. For friendship. ☎453458

DBF, 38, 5'5", 120lbs, enjoys walks, reading, traveling, music, the beach. Seeking honest, sincere man, for friendship first. ☎440790

SAPF, 38, SEEKS honest, sincere, good hearted, educated SW/APM, 35-48, N/S, who enjoys nature, music, for LTR. ☎895164

SBF, 33, CANCER, N/S, seeks BM, 25-40, N/S, for dating/LTR. ☎441357

SBPF, 29, 5'3", 145lbs, very attractive, down-to-earth, great sense of humor, lots of fun, very intelligent. Seeking tall SM, 33-41, with similar qualities. ☎304276

LOOKING. SBF, 41, looking for SBM, 40-55, who doesn't play games. Serious replies only. ☎702285

SB MOM, 46, 5'6", 150lbs, brown complexion, medium build, Taurus, N/S, seeks BM, 38-50, N/S. ☎886926

ATTRACTIVE, PRETTY, LATINA WPF, 47, 5'6", blonde/brown, N/S, N/D, loves animals, travel, dining out. Seeking honest, tall, educated, intelligent, foreign-born man, 40+. ☎437010

CONNECTICUT GAL. DBF, late 50s, N/S, N/D, ISO SM, 50-70, N/S, N/D, for friendship. Race unimportant. ☎692811

ATTRACTIVE SB MOM, 33, down-to-earth, caring, enjoys movies, dining, outdoors. Seeking honest, caring SM, 30-39, race open, for friendship first. ☎393133

BLACK-HAIRED, SLIM, ATTRACTIVE SWF, Pisces, 39, 5'6", 125lbs, down-to-earth, loves to laugh, enjoys dining, local events, holding hands. Seeking caring, loving SWM, 43-56, for LTR. ☎526428

TALL, BEAUTIFUL, BLACK, plus-sized professional female, 32, ISO tall professional male, 32-40, for dating. ☎640310

SBF, 31, CAPRICORN, N/S, loves swimming, horseback riding, golf. Seeking BM, 23-36, for dating. What are your pastimes? ☎584061

SEXY SBF, 29, 5'5", 140lbs, long/brown, outgoing, professional, affectionate, loves comedy shows, beaches, and concerts. Seeking attractive, outgoing, independent, intelligent, WM, 29-45, N/S. ☎590049

SBF, 23, ARIES, N/S, mother, loves going out to eat, and just being herself, seeks man, 26-35, for dating. ☎573347

ACROSS THE BAY Bridge you must travel to meet this full-figured SBPF, 37, N/S. But I'm worth it! Ready to meet SPM, 30-55, N/S,any race, for LTR ☎579355

B/AF, 38, SEEKS LTR. 5'2", size 16, wears it well. One child. Likes movies, comedy, walking, and sports events. Seeks tall, dark, strong, kind, honest man. ☎548897

ATTRACTIVE SBF, 36, Cancer, N/S, seeks man, 36-55, who likes to give attention and receive. ☎559839

PETITE SBF, 36, no children, interests include music, movies, reading, cultural events, dining out. Seeking a gentleman with integrity, intelligence, and essence of romance. ☎540858

ALLURING, WELL-BRED WOMAN, 18, 150lbs, brown/brown, seeks attractive, outgoing GF who enjoys music, dancing, movies, and quiet evenings at home. ☎546253

ATTRACTIVE, HONEST, HEALTHY, independent, hard-working, intelligent, family-oriented, spiritual SBF, 36, enjoys tennis, football, basketball, boxing, plays, traveling, cruises. Seeking SBM, 31-41, 5'10"+, N/S, friends first. ☎536717

SBF, 37, WARM, friendly, laid-back, good listener, mother of one, enjoys reading, writing, dancing, singing, good conversation, seeking similar SM, 40-57, friends first. ☎530445

SF, 30, ENJOYS football games, baseball and hockey, beaches, mountains, hiking, fishing, outdoors, picnics, sunsets, holding hands. Seeking SWM, 28-40. ☎524427

SF, 36, WOULD like to meet a strong-minded, good-looking, funny, successful, intelligent, sensitive, communicative, honest man, 35-50. ☎525711

A GREAT GIRL! SWPF, 33, in search of SWPM, 30-35. Give me a call, let's talk and get to know one another! ☎528048

SWF, 38, 5'8", Catholic, enjoys biking, beach, hiking, dining out and dancing. Seeking SWM 35-48, N/S, for friendship and possible LTR ☎527706

ASIAN BEAUTY, 35, cute, petite, adorable, independent, educated lady, ISO SWPM, 30-38, tall, educated, unique, N/S, for friendship possibly LTR. ☎528566

SBF, 39, PISCES, N/S, seeks BM, 39-49, N/S, who is professional, and is honest. For a very serious relationship. ☎407432

SWF, 39, TALL, blonde, former model, enjoys travel, dining out, movies, dancing, shopping, quiet evenings. Seeking outgoing, secure SM, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎511942

OPEN-MINDED, AFFECTIONATE DPF, 37, seeks SWPM, 38+, N/S, mature, intelligent, kind, for romance, leading to commitment and family. ☎512872

VIBRANT, FULL-FIGURED SBF, 37, 6', enjoys theater, dining out, reading, and museums. Seeking SBM, 27-37, for LTR. Serious inquiries only, please. ☎513337

VERY ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SWPF, 35, brown/green, enjoys art, music, playing piano and trying new things. Seeking tall, handsome, kind SWPM, for LTR, family. ☎488208

SF, 28, LEO, true of heart, seeks SM, 25-40, for friendship, dating and maybe something more. ☎503415

FUN-LOVING SWF, 33, special education teacher, seeks SW/HM, 30-40, to be a sincere friend and partner. ☎501781

SBPF, 33, WITH a chocolate complexion, seeks a man to be a friend first, possibly more as time goes by. ☎496722

CHANCE FOR ROMANCE. SBF, 36, 5'3", 165lbs. Educated, affectionate, down-to-earth, feminine, childless. Looking to develop, build, and create the impossible with you, SBPM, 38+, N/S. ☎495690

ATTRACTIVE SBF, 38, Aries, N/S, enjoys computers, traveling and parks, outdoors. Seeking outgoing, fun BM, 35-45, N/S, for dating and more. ☎486563

ATTRACTIVE, FUN, OUTGOING Female, 29, Scorpio, non smoker, seeks outgoing, fun, friendly WM, 27-37, for friendship, possible more. ☎484683

GENTLE, BROWN-SKINNED WOMAN, 36, radiant smile and natural beauty, seeks kind-hearted, fit gentleman, 37-45, N/S, for nature outings, cultural events, and relaxed conversation. ☎470350

Men Seeking Women

SBM, 26, 5'7", brown/brown, athletic build, likes romance, conversation, movies. Seeking honest, employed SF, 22-32, N/S, who looks good every day. ☎706502

VERY ROMANTIC SBM, 19, 5'11", brown/brown, likes walks, conversation, travel, reading, music. Seeking honest, classy SF, 18-40, with similar interests. ☎706726

COMMITMENT-MINDED SHM, 22, 5'10", average build, good qualities, into reading, movies, dining out, travel. Seeking SH/AF, 18-30, for fun and friendship first. ☎707362

FUN-LOVING GUY, 32, 6'5", 185lbs, loves watching sports, clubbing, poetry readings, music. Seeking female, 28-35, for friendship or more. ☎706012

LOOKING FOR A woman who will love me for me! SM, 22, college athlete, looking for a nice girl, 18-35, to vibe with. ☎706015

SAM, 32, VIRGO, hospital volunteer, smoker, savors spicy cuisines, seafood, and cheese. Seeking WF, 20-28, for friendship, possible romance. ☎697610

SWM, 32, 6'2", 185lbs, well-built, dark/green, very active, Pisces, N/S, seeks WF, 34-42, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎684842

SBM, 24, 5'9", 265lbs, caramel complexion, likes taking walks, movies, going out, romance. Seeking SF, 23-32, who can carry a conversation. ☎699314

SM, 37, 6'3", brown/blue, former professional athlete, in search of a woman, 6'+, for possible relationship. ☎699603

SWM, 42, 5'11", N/S, no children, loves listening to Bruce Springsteen. Seeking upbeat WCF, 35-40, N/S, no children, who enjoys hiking, camping, skiing, and cycling. ☎694860

SBM, 42, MARRIAGE-MINDED, electrical engineer and legal consultant, Cancer, N/S, loves Luther Vandross, humor movies, and writing poetry. Seeking BF, 25-45, N/S. ☎695874

SBM, 42, 5'9", works in plumbing and electrical field, Pisces, N/S, loves bowling and pool. Seeking BF, 27-44, N/S, for LTR. ☎697258

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SBM, 30, PISCES, N/S, seeks BF, 24-46, N/S, who is spiritual and looking for real love. To date and possibly LTR. ☎693195

OUTGOING, INTELLIGENT AND handsome SWM, 6' 6", athletic build, 39, Pisces, N/S, seeks fun, outgoing, spontaneous WF, 27-45, for LTR. ☎694247

HANDSOME, OUTGOING, ATHLETIC SBM, 6' 2", slim build, 19, Virgo, smoker, who enjoys playing the drums. Seeking woman, 18-23, for friendship, possible romance. ☎694434

GOOD-LOOKING SBM, 5' 6", average build, 31, Taurus, smoker, seeks BF, 24-31, for LTR. ☎694648

COLLEGE-EDUCATED SWM, 5' 10", average build, 42, Taurus, N/S, enjoys helping people relax. Seeking woman, 22-49, for friendship, possible romance. ☎694710

HANDSOME, OUTGOING, INTELLIGENT SBM, 5' 11", slim build, Leo, N/S, seeks BF, 18-21, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎693458

SBM, 37, EMPLOYED, enjoys winter fun, cuddling, watching sports, dining. Seeking nice, soft-spoken, level-headed, good-humored, ambitious lady to share life, laughs and lasting love. ☎682291

SM, 58, LIKES travel, movies, dining out, dancing. Seeking loving, sincere lady to share the rest of my life with. Serious inquiries only. ☎669605

SBM, 38, 6'1", 190lbs, chef, likes cooking, movies, dining out, dancing, travel, reading, music. Seeking tall, full-figured, pretty woman for special moments. ☎672265

SBM, 24, CONSTRUCTION worker, likes outdoors, movies, dining out, conversation. Hoping to meet the girl of my dreams. Must be marriage-minded. ☎681643

GREAT EYES. SWM, 31, Aquarius, N/S, 6', 170lbs, fit, cyclist, research analyst, enjoys Bach, seeks honest, affectionate, sincere, humorous woman, 27-35, N/S. ☎699952

SBM, 30, 6'2', 210lbs, warm brown eyes, enjoys music(recording, performing), drives, good, conversations, snuggling. Seeking sweet lady for quality times together. ☎692064

SBM, 25, ARIES, N/S, 6', 170lbs, hazel-brown eyes, fit, self-employed construction worker, enjoys working out, basketball, seeks woman, 20-29, for friendship, possible romance. ☎697981

OPEN-MINDED, ADVENTUROUS SHM, 27, 5'8", new to the area, loves exploring new things, currently in the Army, seeking spontaneous, fun SW/HF, 24-33, friendship first, more. ☎695210

LIFE'S SHORT. SBM, 34, Capricorn, N/S, 6'7", 265lbs, hazel eyes, police officer, former basketball player, seeks woman, 26-39, N/S, for fun and dating. ☎674231

SWM, 36, SEEKS SWF, Pisces, Cancer or Capricorn, who is interested in building a new life together, with children, family, friends, love, romance, happiness. Simple. ☎675394

SWM, 37, 5'11", average build, self-employed, Virgo, N/S, seeks woman, 50-73, for adventure, fun, dining out, and intelligent conversation. ☎653040

SBPM, 35, 6'3", with a caramel complexion and a football player's build, seeks a woman who stays active. ☎649443

SB DAD, 31, 5'10", 225lbs, wants to meet a woman for friendship, companionship and maybe more with time. ☎621396

SOMETHING SPECIAL: CONVERSATIONAL, handsome, fit, outgoing, sincere, creative, hard-working 36-year-old SM with many interests. All that's missing is you... ☎622596

33-YEAR-OLD SWPM POLICE officer, handsome, in-shape, no children, ISO very attractive, in-shape SW/H/AF, no children, for friendship and fun, possible LTR. ☎610476

SAM, 30, TAURUS, smoker, from Pakistan, seeks honest, refined SAF, 25-30, for dating and LTR. ☎581414

DBM, 32, FIRST time placing an ad, father of one, calm, adventurous, fun-loving, athletic, likes to eat, was professional softball player, seeks compatible woman, 30-45. ☎570607

SBM, 27, WOULD like to meet a woman with an open mind and a sincere heart, for good times together. ☎533676

INTELLIGENT SWM, 24, enjoys reading, movies, dining out, travel, sports. Seeking beautiful, smart girl, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎515168

WM, 5'10", 185LBS, dark brown/brown, looking for a woman, 24-33, who is laid-back and secure. ☎494329

SWM, 25, 5'10", in restaurant business, dedicated to work, loves trying new things, seeking open-minded, good-looking SWF, 24-34, friendship first, possible LTR. ☎697086

SWM, 21, 5'11", ready to settle down, seeking spontaneous, energetic, friendly, caring, romantic SWF, 19-23, companionship and shared times first, possibly more. ☎697180

LEVEL-HEADED, FUN SM, 32, 6', not into lies, games, drama, seeking strong, independent, honest SB/HF, 30-45, highly intelligent, sensual, ready for love and fun. ☎693858

SWCM, 34, N/S, moral, Southern Baptist minister, does security work, enjoys dogs, dining, church events, enjoys sporting events, seeks SWCF, 30-37, N/S, with similar interests. ☎689070

CHOCOLATE LOVER. SWM, 34, enjoys walks, dining, movies, rides Harley, ISO SBF, 28-40 for LTR. ☎963107

SWM, 38, 240LBS, is in search of a woman who wants to have some fun in her life. ☎509239

NEW TO THE area, SBM, 35, 5'10", 201lbs, is in search of an adventurous, spontaneous woman, 21-35, for friendship, romance and more. ☎682575

SWM, 31, 5'10", athletic build, Aries, N/S, loves camping in the mountains, plays soccer. Seeking WF, 23-33, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎665914

HANDSOME, SECURE SBM, 30, 6'2", 195lbs, Virgo, N/S, seeks woman, 21-35, with similar qualities, could it be you? ☎455104

DWM, 27, 5'7", 165lbs, brown/hazel, good-looking, single dad of two daughter, hoping to meet a nice woman to settle down with, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎340859

TALL DWM, 34 years old, 6'7", 230lbs, brown/brown. I enjoy football, hockey, classic rock, and more. Seeking honest S/DWF, 24-38 years old, with a thin-average build, for LTR. ☎950752

SWM, 31, PISCES, N/S, financially secure, goal-oriented, loves all the outdoors has to offer, dining, movies, bowling, seeks SWF, 23-33, similar qualities, no children. ☎625632

Men Seeking Men

SBM, 5' 4", athletic build, 24, Scorpio, N/S, who enjoys having fun see. Seeking BM, 18-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎694734

HANDSOME, FUN SAM, 25, Gemini, N/S, seeks responsible man, 30-45, N/S, who likes to dance and likes movies. ☎694806

SHARE MY LIFE! SM, 24, in search of a quiet female, 21-30, who enjoys time at home and indoors. ☎668505

GM, 47, 6'4", 275lbs, rugged, masculine, likes buffalo wings, country music, movies. Seeking open, honest GM, with similar interests, to settle down with. ☎646686

SBM, 20, SCORPIO, N/S, likes cooking, movies, dining, staying at home, romance, seeks an open-minded, attractive, intelligent SBM, 21-28, N/S, with a sense of humor. ☎622430

RESPECTFUL, FAMILY-ORIENTED SBM, 30, 6'2", 210lbs, shaved head, goatee, enjoys travel, dining, rock-n-roll(Black Sabbath) rap (Jay Z). Seeking down-to-earth man who truly lives life. ☎691730

PERSIAN SEEKING PERSIAN, for friendship, maybe more. I'm masculine, good-looking, ISO similar Iranian guy, 18-35, to speak Farsi with. ☎605200

HANDSOME, OUTGOING GBPM, 27, 6', 210lbs, seeks non-smoking GF, 25-40, fun, friendship, possible LTR. Serious inquiries only. ☎642151

ROCKVILLE, GAITHERSBURG, BETHESDA. Would like to meet other professional, cute, masculine guys under 35 in the area. ☎663806

I LOOK GOOD! SM, 30, 6', 200lbs, nice lips, looking for a similar guy to meet! Casual relationship. Holler back. ☎683217

Women Seeking Women

OUTGOING, INTELLIGENT, CARING SBF, 5' 4", athletic build, 36, Leo, smoker, seeks honest woman, 25-40, for friendship, possible romance. ☎694511

FUN, EASYGOING SBF, 38, enjoys hanging out, going to the beach, exercising, having fun, enjoying life, looking for friendship, with a SBF, 40-45, no drama. ☎676447

SBPF, 35, LIBRA, N/S, patron of the arts, seeks honest, sincere, fun-loving PF, 30-40, for friendship, possible romance. ☎654806

HELLO LADIES. ATTRACTIVE, feminine GBF, 33, N/S, 5'9", honey complexion, no kids, fit, seeks attractive, intelligent, feminine GBF, 35-45, N/S, spiritual, not shallow, not materialistic. ☎624586

GWF, 27, SOFT-BUTCH, likes hiking, walking, reading, quite evenings at home. Looking for special GF for friendship and...? ☎545365

SBF, 27, POLITICAL junkie, enjoys music, discussing politics and current events. Seeking SBF, 24-32, for friendship and more. ☎628179

36-YEAR-OLD, BLACK-JAMAICAN, FULL-FIGURED lesbian, nurse, homeowner, independent, seeks black lesbian, 37-48, N/S, who is serious about a relationship, DC area. ☎622526

You Caught My Eye

TO ASIAN GUY (#16 Scott Street/Columbia Pike 7:40AM, last cars Yellow, first car Green). Shy GWM who shared eye-contact for past year is now Orange. ☎707392

SATURDAY 9/13, 7:30 pm. I was carrying a pizza on 21th street wearing red shirt. As we passed, we smile nicely. Would like to explain. ☎701962

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, about 1 pm. Me: leaving Gas King, Lee Highway and Gallows Road, I-luv-you license plate. You: black Mercedes convertible, attractive. Let's meet! ☎692408

BEAUTIFUL BLONDE ON stalled train to Bethesda. We were coming from Crystal City. You said you were taken but I want you for myself. ☎645423

DAVID FROM ARNOLD: we rescued a raccoon at Bethany Beach. I'm not free but I have a cute sister who is. If your interested, call. ☎698158

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Recurring Dream

The landmark comic book series 'Sandman' returns

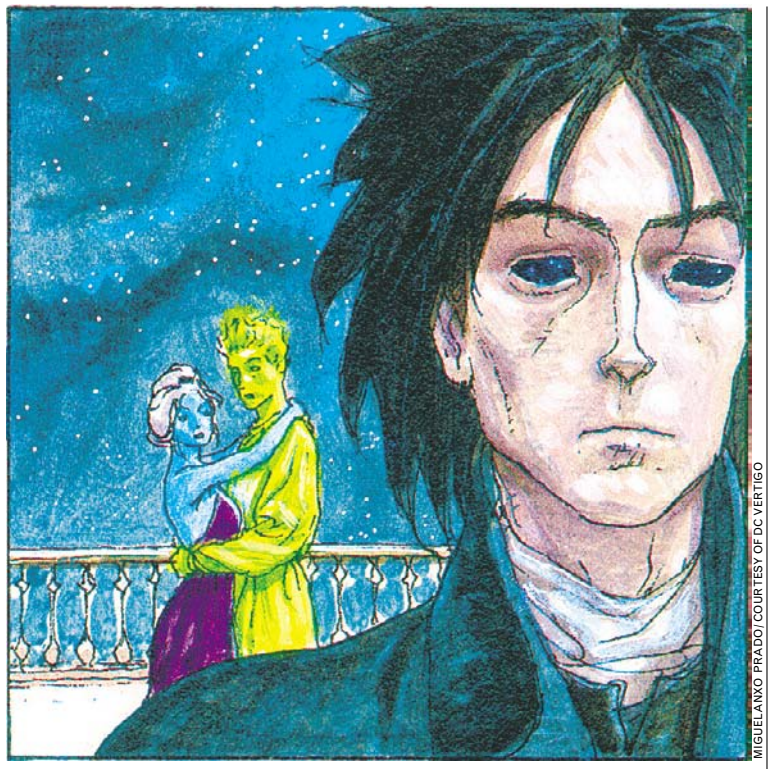
BOOKS | It's a fan's dream come true: the Sandman is back.

Seven years after he stopped writing his groundbreaking, history-making comic book series, author Neil Gaiman has returned to tell stories about Morpheus, the King of Dreams, and his six siblings, collectively known as the Endless.

"The Sandman: Endless Nights" was released last week as a graphic novel to mark the 10th anniversary of Vertigo comics, the publisher of the series during its run in the 1990s. The new book is a collection of seven short stories illustrated by artists from around the world.

Since the series ended, Gaiman has published a story about Morpheus. But "Endless Nights" is a return to the comic book form. He acknowledged a slight case of nerves, but said he soon felt right back at home with the characters.

Gaiman started writing the Sandman comics in 1989, and finished in 1996 after 75 issues. Along the way, he revolutionized the genre, introducing work that stood out for its quality writing and adult themes, rather than superheroes in costumes.



MIGUELANXO PRADO/COURTESY OF DC VERTIGO

A DREAM WALKING: Miguelanxo Prado envisions a courtly, anime-like Morpheus.

> For me, 'Sandman' is something that I started 14 years ago. But for so many people, it's completely new, and people are coming to it all the time."
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> WRITER NEIL GAIMAN ON THE CONSISTENT POPULARITY OF HIS EPIC GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES

The series attracted nontraditional fans, such as women, to the comic book world. It won every major comic book award and it still sells big.

"For me, it's something that I started 14 years ago," Gaiman said. "But for so many people, it's completely new, and people are coming to it all the time."

For the new book, Gaiman was able to work with artists who had never worked with him. He also was able to tell tales from the perspective of Dream's siblings — Death, Destiny, Destruction, Desire, Despair and Delirium.

After working on "Endless Nights" for the past two years, Gaiman is heading back to writing novels. He is contracted to write two books, which means saying goodbye to Dream and the Endless for the immediate future.

"When my novelist hat comes off again, I will look around and blink and call [Vertigo] and say, 'OK, what are we doing now?'"

DEEPTI HAJELA (AP)

Tinker, Tailor

The Raveonettes can't leave classic rock 'n' roll alone

MUSIC | They explored the furthest reaches of B-flat minor on an EP released earlier this year; now the Raveonettes shift slightly to B-flat major on the Danish duo's full-length debut, "Chain Gang of Love" (Columbia).

The key change has a huge effect, and the Raveonettes trade the stylish noir-rock of the EP for brighter pop songs with a vintage early '60s feel, marred with occasional wonderful blasts of squalling noise.

It sounds a bit like Sune Rose Wagner and Sharin Foo recorded the album on the runway at an airbase while jets screamed by overhead.

It's catchy music and fun to listen to. It does not, however, "build a brand-new rock 'n' roll sound," as the band's press material claims. It's more accurate to say the Raveonettes subvert an existing sound. They do a spectacular job of it, turning standard guitar fills into abrasive bits of musical razor-wire and willfully creating sonic mayhem with walls of white-noise distortion.

They borrow quite a bit from their predecessors, but they do it in subtle ways — part of the bass line on "Little Animal" is lifted right from the vocal melody to "I Will Follow Him," while "Chain Gang of Love" evokes the Supremes' "Chain Gang."

MARCEL KRASCILCIC

DELICIOUS DANISH: Sharin Foo and Sune Rose Wagner party like it's 1969.

Who says you can't improve on the classics? ERIC R. DANTON (THE HARTFORD COURANT)

Top Stops

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Meow Mix: 'Cats' Comes Back

1 Who says, "It was better than 'Cats,' even"? A certain section of the theater-going population to whom nothing was better than the all singing, no-talking, actors-in-tights-wearing meow-sical featuring Andrew Lloyd Webber's indelible songs. You know who you are; scurry to see it now, as this time it may not run for 157 years.

National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave.; $35-75; 202-628-6161. Through Oct. 26. (Metro Center)

AP/AP/PBS

We're still working on the libretto for "Katz," the story of our dentist.

Land of Oz: Crustaceans and Chablis

2 Anyone who's still guzzling the French stuff hasn't learned a darn thing in the past 10 or so years of Australian wine ascendancy. Now the Australian Embassy would like to cement the region's good rep at a "Shrimp and Wine Festival," with more than 30 Aussie wines and many shrimp dishes.

Embassy of Australia, 1601 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 7-9:30 p.m., $68; www.tastedc.

Good Golly: Miss Molly Ivins

3 An unabashed liberal, a sterling journalist and a most pointed and scathing critic of the carnival ride that is Texas politics, Molly Ivins puts up her boot heels in the capital for a spell in order to read from and sign "Bushwacked: Life in George W. Bush's America."

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 4900 Connecticut Avenue; 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919.

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Entertainment

TopStops

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Chez Lounge: Chrissy Coughlin

4 This local treasure has a rich, relaxed voice, has written one of the best post-9/11 songs ("Hallelujah") and is perfectly suited to swank clubs and lounges. So why aren't you a big fan, Mr. Hipster? Well, you know what they say about prophets in their own lands.

Velvet Lounge, 915 U St. NW, 8 p.m., 202-462-3213. (U St.-Cardozo)

GERALD MARTINEAU/TWP

Designer Kristina Kent Catto shows off the latest in plastic-sheeting chic.

This Old House: Decorators Show Off

5 Twenty-eight of Washington's top designers drape, light and furnish a 1907 private home for the Decorators' Show House. The unveiling benefits the Women's Committee for the NSO.

Susan F. Clark House, 2126 Wyoming, NW; $20, $15 in advance; 202-416-8149.

The Who's Next

DVD | Jeff Stein had a front-row seat for the ultimate traveling circus that was British rock band the Who. Starting in his teen years, he made his first film, the documentary "The Kids Are Alright."

Now the 1979 film about the band is getting the bells-and-whistles DVD treatment. On Sept. 30, Pioneer Entertainment will release the film's special and deluxe editions with added features.

Stein spoke about revisiting "The Kids Are Alright."

Where did you first meet them and how did you first get to them?

We went to all the Fillmore shows. We'd hitchhike to see the Who in Boston, etc., upstate New York. I just started following them around ... because, you know, once I had seen them, I needed more. I had never seen anything like it.

You ultimately met them by hanging around their world, so to speak.

Yeah. I ended up doing a book of photographs of them. And I still have the guitar Pete [Townshend] is breaking on the last page of the book. He spotted me in the front row or two and flung this big chunk of the broken guitar at me and I'm, like, bloodied because it had jagged edges. It was a beautiful moment.

UNIVERSAL MUSIC

Bad boys in their hairy prime, members of the Who confront their DVD destiny.

So, you meet them ...

Apparently because I had published that book. I managed to get in to Pierre Hotel because Pete would no longer stay in the same hotel as Keith. Even though Keith always said, "I'll take the blame," sometimes everyone was taking it with him.

And getting stuck with the bill.

Not only that, but you could spend the night in jail. The photograph of the trashed hotel room is in the Keith Moon montage in the movie. And that photo only exists because Graham Hughes, a photographer, snuck that roll out in his underwear when he was arrested with all of them.

Were others lobbying them at the same time to make a movie?

No. I think there had been various film projects or bits and pieces of filming that never kind of went anywhere. One reason I think was that they were going to use the footage on the screens behind them on stage on the ["Quadrophenia"] tour.

But that was one of the pieces I was most broken-hearted actually didn't exist, which was an infamous moment, where Pete and Roger were going at it and Roger decked Pete and knocked him out. And Keith was over Pete's prone body ... kind of crying, saying, "Pete! Pete! If you're still alive we'll do anything you say from now on." I looked high and low for that.

I was always looking for that aspect of them, that kind of, you know, more the blood and guts, and the inner tension in the band and the kind of internal combustion that made them the Who. JOHN BURMAN (HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

ON TV TONIGHT

ANNIE GET YOUR STAPLE GUN
CHANGING ROOMS (9 p.m., BBC America) The British series that inspired the TLC series "Trading Spaces" is back with a whole new season of meddling and makeovers.

GIRLS TALK
GILMORE GIRLS (8 p.m., WB) Rory meets her college roommates.

FASTIDIOUS MEN ANONYMOUS
FRASIER (9 p.m., NBC) A lovesick opera conductor (Patrick Stewart) gets very mixed signals from Dr. Crane.

CULT CHOICE
HEAVENLY CREATURES (11:45 p.m., Showtime) Kate Winslet ("Titanic") stars in the disturbing, captivating and utterly original 1994 drama concerning two teenage girls behind one of New Zealand's most notorious murder cases. The film was directed by Peter Jackson ("Lord of the Rings").

Winslet

PROVING GROUND
NAVY NCIS (8 p.m., CBS) A marine's parachute accident may have been murder.
HAPPY FAMILY (8:30 p.m., NBC) Gossip and spin control.
ONE TREE HILL (9 p.m., WB) Lucas folds under pressure.
WHOOPI (8 p.m., NBC) Petty infractions.
THE MULLETS (9:30 p.m., UPN) Roger's rep gets a makeover. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND HJOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

One of four pages in Archimedes's manuscript scribbled over by monks.

The Sane Scientist

Archimedes's theories were so advanced, we're still figuring them out

TELEVISION | Eureka — a television show that doesn't rot your brain. "Nova" (8 p.m., PBS), the guilty pleasure series for viewers who actually like to learn new things, returns with "Infinite Secrets," a history whodunit that unfolds like a screen thriller.

The Greek mathematician Archimedes was the Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein of his era. In addition to his far-reaching mathematical theories and discoveries (including displacement and the value of Pi), Archimedes developed elaborate weapons systems to protect his home city of Syracuse, Sicily. While his scholarship fell out of use during the Dark Ages, Archimedes's teachings were an essential part of the scientific revolutions of the 16th and 17th centuries.

"Secrets" argues that the Greek scientist may have been far more ahead of his time than previously acknowledged. In the centuries after his death, scribes continued to copy his essential teachings.

Once such copy was a legendary booklet from the 10th century called "The Method," which not only contains Archimedes' most important theories, but also explains how he arrived at them. Long considered lost to history, a copy of "The Method" was discovered in Constantinople in 1906 by Danish scholar J.L. Heiberg.

To the Dane's horror, he discovered that medieval monks had written over much of the original text. They had used its parchment for their religious writings. And then, in another twist, Heiberg's "Method" was lost soon after the outbreak of World War I.

"The Method" turned up again in 1998 and was bought at Christie's Auction house for $2 million by an anonymous high-tech tycoon. The owner soon turned it over to Baltimore's Walter Art Museum, whose experts have used the latest technology to retrieve Archimedes's hidden secrets.

After studying "The Method," some experts now believe that Archimedes was very close to inventing calculus — the mathematical tool at the heart of modern science and engineering — more than 22 centuries ago. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

CHEAP DATE: Join Bishop Chane, Washington's Episcopal Bishop, in the discussion, "Christian Faith and Peacemaking in the Middle East." National Cathedral, Wisconsin and Massachusetts avenues NW; 7 p.m.

DNA Offers New Route To Roots

GENEALOGY | Thirty years after Alex Haley's "Roots" launched a genealogical renaissance, black Americans are exploiting the latest genetic research to make once-impossible connections to their ancestral homelands.

Blacks who search musty file rooms in government buildings, churches and cemeteries for family records have often been frustrated to discover their ancestral trails ended on this side of the Atlantic.

Now, African Ancestry Inc., with its growing databank of African DNA samples, claims it can restore some of those lost connections, however faintly.

The small Washington, D.C.-based company offers two types of DNA tests and says it can usually trace at least one family bloodline to specific geographic areas on the African continent.

African Ancestry assembled its database by plucking genetic sequences of African tribes published in scientific literature and by collecting DNA samples from volunteers in Africa. It now has a DNA database of 10,000 people representing 85 ethnic groups from Africa.

So with a swab of Monica Myles's cheek and a $349 payment, the company was able to tell the attorney she was descended, in part, from the Ibo tribe — one of the largest ethnic groups in western Africa, where most slaves came from.

Assembling her family tree has been something of an obsession for Myles. She followed her ancestral paper trail to 1810, but ran into a dead end and couldn't place any of her family on any of the estimated 30,000 slave voyages made between 1400 and 1860.

"It was frustrating not knowing where we came from," said Myles, who still doesn't have any detailed information before 1810.

But knowing that at least one of her ancestors was an Ibo adds an additional, albeit vague, limb to her family tree she couldn't otherwise find. PAUL ELIAS (AP)

African Ancestry: For more information about exploring gene-based genealogy, visit: www.africanancestry.com

SHANA SURECK/THE HARTFORD COURANT

DESIGNER IN-THE-MAKING: Nyla Hashmi, left, and Fatima Ahmed, are longtime friends who hope to start a fashion business together designing stylish clothes for women whose religion asks them to dress conservatively — or who choose to dress conservatively on their own. Hashmi is attending the Fashion Institute in New York.

A Modest Business

Muslim duo designs conservative clothes with a touch of flair

FASHION | Nyla Hashmi had a minor clothing crisis when she returned to West Hartford, Conn., after living for five years in Pakistan.

It was the fall of 2001, and the styles for teenage girls were sexy as ever, Nyla learned when she did her back-to-school shopping.

Nyla looked around — there were lots of low-rise jeans and cropped tops with spaghetti straps — and couldn't find anything she liked that also would meet with approval from her parents and her religion.

Muslim girls and women, as well as those from more conservative Jewish and Christian denominations, are expected to dress more modestly than typical American females. The degree to which they must be covered varies, but garments designed to show off long legs, shoulders, buttocks and cleavage are clearly off-limits.

Nyla wanted to be a good Muslim by covering herself, but what could she wear to school?

"My mom said, 'Great. You can start sewing clothes.' At first, I just thought, 'No, I just want to buy clothes,'" Nyla said.

But then she started sewing. She made elegant tunic-length shirts, nipped in at the waist to provide some shape, and paired them with long jeans or flowing pants. The effect was elegant, crisp and cool.

An idea formed as her wardrobe expanded.

"I really grew passionate," Nyla said. "I said, 'I am going to make modest clothes for Muslim girls that are not expensive.'"

Today, her dream is haute couture, as she starts her first year at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. She even has a name picked out for her label — Nyla Coast to Coast — because her name could be an acronym for New York, Los Angeles.

Fatima Ahmed, a friend of Nyla's who lives in Newington, Conn., plans to join her and run the business side of their fashion house after they both finish college. Fatima is studying printmaking at Central Connecticut State University.

"All of my tops I've made," Fatima said.

> "I want to change the whole sex appeal of women."
>
> —NYLA HASHMI
> ON HER PLANS FOR A MORE MODEST CLOTHING LINE FOR WOMEN

Nyla added, "Tops are the hardest to find."

Fatima: "It's hard to get them long enough."

Nyla: "And loose enough."

Fatima: "And trendy."

Their vision is to create elegant, comfortable and fashionable women's clothes that are also modest.

"I want to change the whole sex appeal of women. Women are not supposed to be sexually appealing all the time. Especially in the workplace, women who do look like that do not get respect for themselves," Nyla said.

She's seen how men ogle women who wear sexy clothes. Women who wear see-through blouses, short skirts and tight tops — especially at work — are admired for their bodies rather than ideas, she said.

"I see it all the time," she said. "I see it in America and Pakistan. Men treat women differently when they are covered up. They treat them like a person rather than a sex object."

She hopes her clothing will appeal to non-Muslim women as well. CAROLYN MOREAU (THE HARTFORD COURANT)

Health & Fitness

JAHI CHIKWENDIU/TWP

BOUNCE, BOUNCE: BOSU balls in use at Reston Sport and Health in Virginia.

Combine and Conquer

FITNESS | Most people can endure only so many crunches and sit-ups before getting bored. But a new kind of core class is challenging enough to keep your attention — Pilates atop a device that looks like a stability ball sliced in half.

The fitness tool, called the BOSU Balance Trainer, is turning up in gyms all over the country. The pairing of BOSU (which stands for "Both Sides Up") and Pilates is a recent phenomenon, part of a larger trend of fitness fusion. Lately, ballet spin-off classes have been taking off, along with combination yoga and Pilates classes, which, at one Chicago studio, is called "Pilogа."

John Garey Pilates Studio in Long Beach, Calif., merges the Stott Method of Pilates with the BOSU. In a Pilates class, on a mat, participants don't always feel their abdominal muscles working, Garey said. But on the BOSU, "you can't do this without working your abs. There's just no way."

Even basic crunches are hard for beginners on the BOSU. You have to mold your back to the half-moon shape, and on the wobbly surface, you have two choices: Tighten your stomach muscles as if they were being pulled taut by marionette strings or fall off the dome when you try to raise your torso.

Garey ends the class by having everyone move to the floor for jumping squats and other cardio moves on the BOSU. And afterward, the class's stomach muscles were anything but bored.

RENEE TAWA (L.A. TIMES)

✣ **For More:** At www.stottpilates.com, you can buy BOSU-Pilates training videos and find local instructors.

Feel It In Your Bones

DIET | A new study suggests that phosphoric acid in cola drinks may reduce bone density. Tufts University researcher Katherine Tucker found that women — but not men — who drank more than three 12-ounce servings of cola per day had 2.3 percent to 5.1 percent lower bone mineral density than women who consumed less than one serving of cola per day.

Other studies are needed to test the theory, she adds, explaining that some researchers doubt that the level of phosphoric acid in cola drinks is high enough to contribute to low bone mineral density.

SHARI ROAN (L.A. TIMES)

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You're on to something here. The higher you get — and, ideally, keep — your heart rate, the better. So jogging part of the time does increase the benefit. I don't know the exact equation, but I have heard that you can get the same cardio benefit from a 45-minute intense spin-cycling class as from a six-hour walk.

I'd like to develop some more active hobbies so I can get more exercise than just in the gym. But I'm also a total klutz — any suggestions?

Are you a comprehensive klutz, or is it mostly footwork? You could try sea kayaking, which doesn't require a sea (lakes and mellow rivers work fine). It's hard to trip over your feet if they're tucked up under the deck. And it gets you out into nature, which is worth the effort.

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WIRELESS | It is a familiar modern hassle: wasting hours waiting for the washing machine repairman. In this always-on world, why not just notify us — by phone, e-mail or text message — so we can make sure we're home when the appliance doctor arrives?

Just such a service, from a company called Dynamic Mobile Data Systems, was among three dozen products introduced last week at the fifth annual DEMOmobile, an elite gathering for industry insiders and journalists.

A few items grabbed even this jaded crowd. One was a joystick-equipped handheld computer called the Zodiac. The clever machine, engineered by Palm Inc. alumni, tilts the Palm operating system on its side for portable gaming. It's due out next month, starting at $299.

Another was the Mirra, a compact "personal server" from a company called Ispiri Inc. Mirra backs up computers and securely shares your files — pictures, music, whatever — over broadband Internet connections with people you select. The cheapest model, with an 80-gigabyte hard drive, is priced at $399.

The conference offered hope that the long-suffering Bluetooth wireless standard will get some traction. Brother International uses Bluetooth in the new, $399 MPrint Micro Printer, which fits in a coat pocket. Logitech introduced a $180 Bluetooth-centric desktop suite that untethers keyboards and mice.

Anyone who has ever entered text on a palmtop knows there must be a better way. MessageEase from ExIdeas may not be the ultimate answer, but it's a fine idea. It's a nine-key, on-screen touchpad where letters not used as often are entered with a sideways slide instead of a tap.

A few inventions at this year's DEMOmobile were positively Orwellian. A British-developed anti-truancy tool called Alerts, from Langtree SkillsCenter Ltd., tells Mum and Dad when the kids are on the lam — in real time via text messaging. FRANK BAJAK (AP)

INTRODUCING . . .
A few products featured at DEMOmobile (from top):

- Zodiac multimedia handheld, $299 (32 mb) or $399 (128 mb).
- MPrint Micro Printer, $399. Connects via Bluetooth, infrared or USB.
- Mirra personal server, $399 (80 gb) or $499 (120 gb).

Personal Tech

TED S. WARREN/AP

AT FIRST I WAS AFRAID ... then "Music Mixer" showed me my inner karaoke.

Un-Consolable

GAMES | If titles like "NFL Fever 2003" and "Midtown Madness" don't excite you, how about "I Will Survive"?

As Xbox from Microsoft Corp. enters its third holiday season, the company is hoping to broaden its appeal by offering extras that have nothing to do with video gaming.

So now there's "Music Mixer" — software and a microphone that turn the Xbox console into a karaoke machine.

Customers can also transfer music files and digital photos to their Xbox consoles for playback on the TV.

Meanwhile, Sony has tried to expand its audience by making its PlayStation2 consoles able to play compact discs and DVDs. In November, Sony plans to sell an "EyeToy" — a digital camera that mirrors the player's head, shoulder and arm motions and translates that into actions on screen. It's supposed to appeal to those less deft with controllers. HELEN JUNG (AP)

TECH TALK

Live Online

ROB PEGORARO's column appears Sundays in The Washington Post. He chatted about cell phone plans on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

I currently have Sprint, and I find the coverage horrible. Didn't like AT&T or Cingular, either. So, do I try T-Mobile, Verizon or Nextel? My most important consideration is coverage area.

Then you're not going to like T-Mobile much. Nextel or Verizon will probably suit you better. Verizon's coverage is really hard to beat.

I need to either change to another wireless provider or change my current plan. Will the implementation of number portability in November bring more competition for customers — i.e., should I wait until then to make this change?

If you like your current service, then upgrade the plan now. If you don't, then you don't want to sign a new contract, because then you'll be stuck. Best to try to restrain yourself, then shop around.

Is there any way to get planning information from a carrier about pending coverage upgrades and improvements before signing a contract?

AFP/GETTY

Some carriers — Sprint, for instance — list planned upgrades on their coverage maps. However, these forecasts tend to be less than reliable. A lot of things can hold up tower construction, including neighborhood opposition.

What's the best plan if I just want a phone in the car for emergencies?

If by "emergencies" you mean just dialing 911, you can get a used cell phone, keep it charged, but don't bother with a plan. Carriers are required to take 911 calls from any cell phone.

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

THE ARTICLE "Naming Conventions" in yesterday's Express got it all wrong. For thousands of years names have been given to honor an ancestor, relative, loved one or hero. Unfortunately, this tradition has diminished in the past 40 years, robbing children of a sense of identity and history.

I also believe that the study cited in the article is fundamentally flawed. If the researchers wanted to prove that black names get fewer call-backs than white names, a much clearer result could have been achieved by pitting "white" names like Rainbow and Moonbeam against "black" names like Destinee and Moshika.

—DALE ROSE
College Park, Md.

THIS IS IN RESPONSE to Friday's letter calling those left without power after Isabel "wimps and whiners." Yes, as the letter writer suggested, we could read a book or play a game. But what are you suppose to do about food? How are you going to eat if you have an electric stove? Are we supposed to eat out every day, spending money we don't have? Maybe you don't have to worry about spending money, but a lot of people do.

—NICKOLE DAVIS
Washington, D.C.

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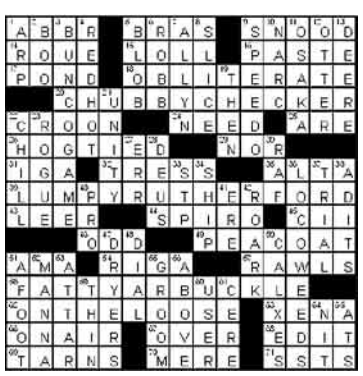

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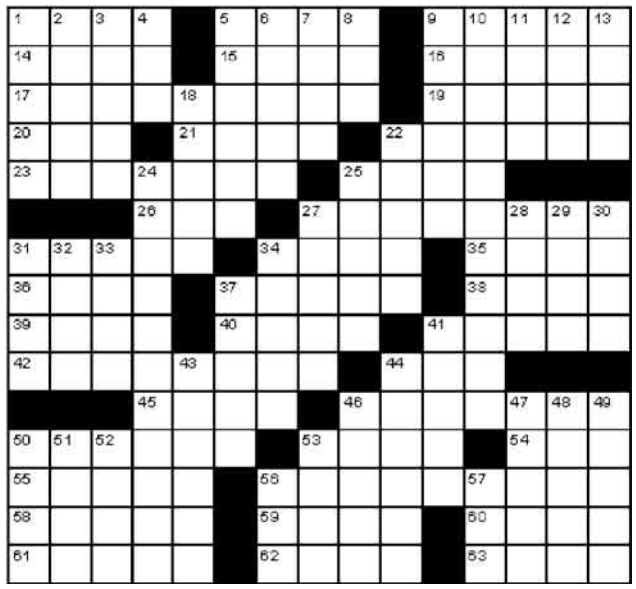

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9 Dream up
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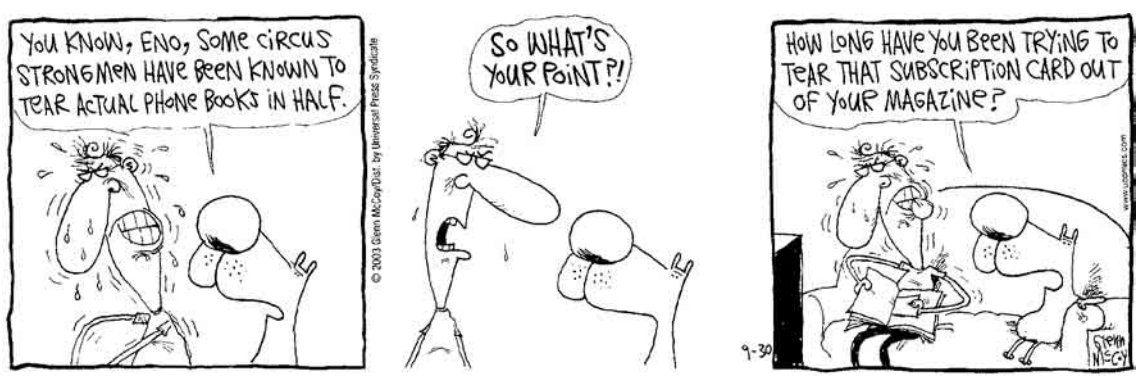

Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Questioning the decisions of others may attract a great deal of suspicion and criticism. However, you'll be more informed in the long run.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Someone who rivals you in the charisma and ability departments will arrive on the scene, forcing you to double your own efforts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Experiment with a newfound talent. You may discover that you have a great deal of potential in a new field.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — This is a good day to get in touch with a close friend, perhaps someone whom you wish to get even closer to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may feel blue, but the cause is nothing you can't handle. Concentrate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You're likely to be restless, but your dedication to a major goal will keep you on the right track.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your interest in others will extend to domestic affairs. Do not make the mistake of being intrusive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's essential that you keep your own desires and expectations focused. You're likely to risk both profit and standing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Spiritual or emotional navigation may be more difficult than expected. The signposts you've been relying on may be out of date.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Take care that your own private pursuits do not impose on others. What you want may not be appreciated by the world at large.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This is a good day for you to make that personal sacrifice to see someone you love excel. Your rewards are coming.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You're feeling daring and experimental. Some may be shocked by the suggestions you have to offer. Observe protocol.

CIA OPERATIVE LEAK

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Post staff writer **WALTER PINCUS** was online Monday to discuss the CIA intelligence leak, the role of the media and what's next in the investigation.

How big could this get? To what extent do you think the public cares about a story like this? It seems some outside the Beltway may write this off as a "just politicians being politicians" story, but could this have traction with the public?

It is too early to say whether this will grow. It is an inside-the-Beltway type thing right now. And it diverts from more serious questions about Iraq and the U.S. future there. On the other hand, it indicates that within the administration some people appear uneasy about how this type of thing is being handled. And if it is the first of more such leaks, it could become big.

Since our current president is the son of a former CIA director, isn't it curious that he has not ordered an internal investigation of this matter, since it broke over two months ago? Of note, I found Condoleezza Rice's Sgt. Schultz (of "Hogan's Heroes") imitation, "I know nothing, I see nothing," on the Sunday talk shows particularly troubling.

There is a certain irony to the president's position — another being that his father had highly praised Joseph C. Wilson IV [the former ambassador who undermined Bush's claim that Iraq had tried to buy uranium] for his actions before and during the Gulf War.

Why has it taken two months for this story to get the traction it developed over the weekend?

It is a difficult story to take further than a column that was sourced to "two senior administration officials" without having some official steps taken, unless some inside source stepped forward. And this weekend, one did.

Today on Live Online:

11 A.M.: Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter and columnist David S. Broder discusses the California recall.

NOON: Join The Post's Gene Weingarten to talk about anything on "Chatological Humor."

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POLITICS

His Own Medicine

CNN commentator **TUCKER CARLSON**'s snide humor has backfired on him. While defending telemarketers during a segment on "Crossfire" last week, the bow-tied co-host was asked for his home phone number. Carlson gave out a number, but it was for the Washington bureau of Fox News. The bureau was deluged with calls. To get back at him, Fox posted Carlson's unlisted home number on its Web site. After receiving many obscene calls, Carlson complained to Fox. He was told the number would be taken off the Web site if he apologized on the air — which he did (AP)

LAW

Teaneck Wants Lil' Kim

Everywhere she goes, people want to get their hands on **LIL' KIM** — and Teaneck, N.J., is no exception. The racy rapper is wanted there on an outstanding arrest warrant for failing to appear in court, The Smoking Gun reports. The court dates stem from a 1996 arrest for — no, not indecent exposure — marijuana possession. She was charged while present at a police search of Notorious B.I.G.'s Teaneck home turned up the leafy substance. (EXPRESS)

MARY ALTAFFER/AP

PUBLISHING

The Write Stuff

Singer-turned-writer **MADONNA** appeared at Barnes and Noble in New York City on Monday for the first stateside book signing of her new children's tale, "The English Roses." The book, which is expected to rate high on The New York Times best-sellers list, has been well-received worldwide. It appears that 18-month-old **JEREMY ZOREK** is a fan, too. (AP)

PUBLISHING

A 'Reliable' New Voice

The guy who used to write the "Reliable Source" column for The Washington Post made his Big Apple tabloid debut Monday. **LLOYD GROVE** now earns his paycheck writing the "Lowdown" column for the New York Daily News — a tabloid in a bitter fight with the New York Post for gossip superiority — and readers. Grove's first column includes an item about rap impresario Russell Simmons claiming Nike is trying to steal his employees. Grove also reports President Bush's uncle is sending unusual gag gifts to people. Grove's column joins a crowded New York field, which already includes veterans Cindy Adams, Liz Smith and the Post's Page Six. (AP)

KIM D. JOHNSON/AP

Jennifer Aniston at the Emmy Awards.

PHILANTHROPY

Aniston Not Included

"Friends" star **JENNIFER ANISTON**'s Emmy dress attracted bids of more than $4,100 in a charity auction Monday. The midnight blue, knee-length dress was the leading seller at the auction of outfits worn by stars to this year's Emmy Awards. Last year, the "Clothes Off Our Back" initiative received Emmy outfits from about 20 celebrities and raised more than $87,000 for charity. (AP)

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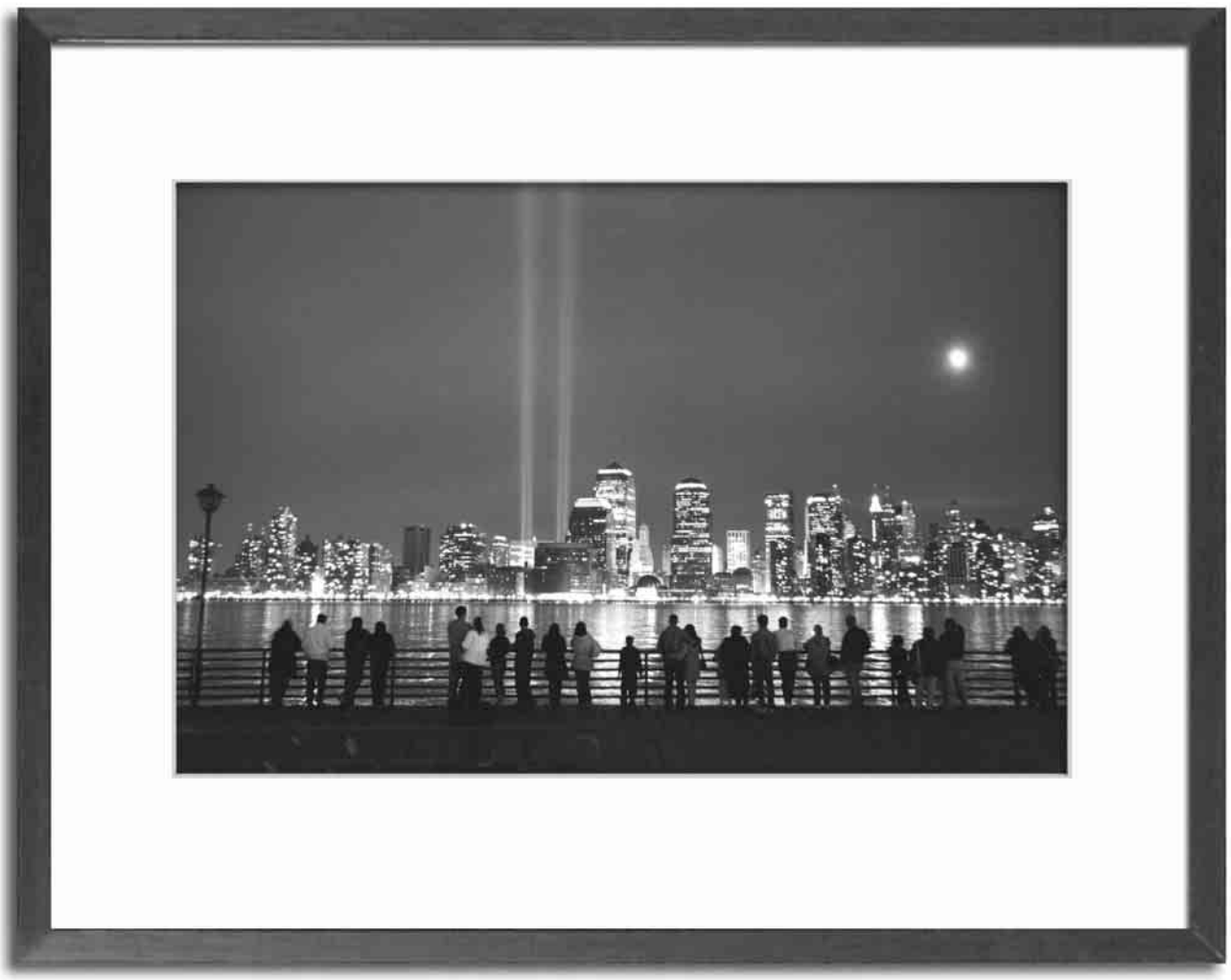

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